



Loudoun County, Virginia

INVITATION FOR BID

REMOVAL OF THE GOOSE CREEK BRIDGE

ACCEPTANCE DATE: Prior to 4:00 p.m., October 23, 2012, "Atomic" Time

IFB NUMBER: QQ-01710

ACCEPTANCE PLACE: Department of Management and Financial Services
Division of Procurement, MSC #41C
One Harrison Street, SE, 4th Floor
Leesburg, Virginia 20175

PLEASE NOTE: State Corporation Commission (SCC) registration requirements effective July 1, 2010 require that your bid include the identification number issued by the State Corporation Commission as proof of registration or justification for non-registration, per the requirements in Sections 18.0 and 19.22. Please complete the Proof of Authority to Transact Business in Virginia form on page 22 of this solicitation and submit it with your bid. Failure to provide this information or providing inaccurate or purged information shall result in your bid being rejected.

Two (2) Mandatory Pre-Bid Conferences will be held on site. The Mandatory Pre-Bid Conferences will be held at the Steel Truss Bridge constructed in 1932, over the Goose Creek, immediately south of the existing Route 7 Bridges over the Goose Creek, east of the Town of Leesburg in Loudoun County, Virginia, for clarification of any questions on the on the project scope of work, specifications and site conditions. Inspection of the site will be included in the Pre-Bid Conference. **The first will be held on September 25, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. and the second on September 27, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.** Attendance at one of the Pre-Bid Conferences is mandatory for all bidders. Bidders must be present prior to the beginning of the conference, failure to attend one of these conferences will result in your bid being deemed non-responsive and rejected. Bidders must sign in with the Procurement Representative as record of attendance. Bidders must be on site prior to the beginning of the meeting. Late entry to the Pre-Bid Conferences will not be permitted.

Project specifications and bid forms can be downloaded from the Loudoun County website at www.loudoun.gov/procurement. There is no cost for the plans/specifications. Bid forms may be picked up at the Division of Procurement at the address above between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays or call (703) 777-0403.

The terms and conditions contained in this Invitation for Bid and in the Owner-Contractor Agreement are not negotiable.

Requests for information related to this Invitation should be directed to:

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Contracting Officer
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This document can be downloaded from our web site:
www.loudoun.gov/procurement

Issue Date: September 18, 2012

IF YOU NEED ANY REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ANY TYPE OF DISABILITY IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCUREMENT, PLEASE CONTACT THIS DIVISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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Authorized By: s/Christopher Bresley, CPPB Date: September 18, 2012
Contracting Officer

REMOVAL OF THE GOOSE CREEK BRIDGE

1.0 PURPOSE

This Invitation for Bid (IFB) is a **two-step sealed bid process** to obtain the services of a qualified Contractor to remove the superstructure of the Goose Creek Bridge per the Specifications contained in Section 3.0 of this IFB. The Goose Creek Bridge is located to the east of the Town of Leesburg in Loudoun County, Virginia and is immediately south of the current Route 7 bridges over the Goose Creek.

Bidders who respond to this solicitation are to furnish unpriced technical proposals in one sealed container and bid prices in a second sealed container at the same time. One (1) original and three (3) copies of the technical proposal are required and one (1) original of the bid price. Refer to Paragraph 19.1 of this IFB for additional instructions on the preparation and submission of bids.

The technical proposals will be opened and evaluated. Only the bid prices for those technical proposals selected as acceptable will be opened and the award made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. There is no negotiation in the procurement process except as specified in paragraph 19.16 of this IFB. The County, at its option, may request information from a bidder to clarify material contained within the technical proposal to determine responsibility. The terms and conditions contained in this Invitation for Bid and in the Owner-Contractor Agreement are not negotiable.

2.0 COMPETITION INTENDED

It is the County's intent that this Invitation for Bid (IFB) permits competition. It shall be the bidder's responsibility to advise the Purchasing Agent in writing if any language, requirement, specification, etc., or any combination thereof, inadvertently restricts or limits the requirements stated in this IFB to a single source. Such notification must be received by the Purchasing Agent not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for bids to close.

3.0 SPECIFICATIONS

3.1 Description of Existing Bridge

The Old Route 7 Bridge over Goose Creek was constructed in 1932. The bridge is currently used as a pedestrian crossing and is closed to vehicular traffic. The bridge is 274'-6" long (between abutment bearings) and has a west-east orientation. The bridge has a four span superstructure consisting of two 47'-3" concrete T-beam end spans and two 90'-0" riveted steel half-through trusses for middle spans. The curb to curb width is 23'-2" with a skew of 30-14'-00". The bridge has a composite concrete deck slab with an asphalt wearing surface.

The bridge's substructure consists of cast-in-place concrete abutments and piers. The abutments are spill-through abutments consisting of two columns that support the bridge seat and square spread footings supporting the columns. Each abutment is protected with riprap slope protection. The piers are multi-column piers and consist of two columns that support the pier cap beam and square spread footings supporting the columns. All three piers are located in the water. Goose Creek is approximately 200 feet wide and the current meanders to the east side of bridge.

3.2 Description of Work

This project consists of the dismantling and the removal of the superstructure of the Old Goose Creek Bridge, from abutment to abutment. All superstructure elements are to be removed and disposed of, including but not limited to, bridge railing/guard rail, deck, stringers, trusses and bearings. Anchor bolts shall be cut flush with the top of the concrete seats, and exposed ends shall be epoxy sealed. Abutments and piers are to remain. All demolition techniques utilized by the Contractor shall be suitable for the intended purpose and shall not damage the portions of the structure that are to remain. Blasting shall not be permitted.

The Contractor shall prepare and submit for review and approval a demolition sequencing plan that comprehensively details the proposed methods of demolition, the type of equipment that will be used, proposed work hours, proposed vehicle access to the site, staging areas and crane type/size/location. It shall also detail temporary fence and work area protection measures. This project is located within Keep Loudoun Beautiful Park, which is a Loudoun County park operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS). The Contractor shall submit, for PRCS review and approval, the sequencing plan which shall also identify all activities that will impact public access to the park and Goose Creek.

Safety of the Contractor, his workers, the general public, and specifically park goers, shall be held paramount in the planning and execution of the work. The Contractor shall prepare and submit for review a comprehensive safety plan.

The Contractor is required to visit the site and observe the structure prior to submitting a bid for this work. The Contractor is responsible for obtaining any and all permits necessary to complete the work, including any required Land Use permits from Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). In support of the VDOT permit application, Contractor shall be responsible for preparing, and securing approval of, a traffic control plan, posting any required bonds, and shall be prepared to submit all information necessary for VDOT to process and approve the permit application, including submitting specifications/loading of all

required construction vehicles, including cranes, that will be placed in the right-of-way.

The Contractor shall be responsible for obtaining any permits related to temporary land disturbance, should he determine that land disturbance is necessary to perform the work. No encroachment into Goose Creek will be permitted. All materials and demolition debris must be prevented from falling into the creek. No fill, temporary or otherwise, shall be permitted in the waterway. All materials removed from the structure shall become the property of the Contractor and shall be disposed of legally, with the exception of the following:

- Contractor shall furnish to the County the steel name plate that is currently affixed to the western face of the northern truss of the easternmost truss span. The nameplate shall be carefully removed, intact, without bending, cutting or otherwise damaging the item, prior to the commencement of demolition.
- Contractor shall furnish to the County each of the four concrete corner posts (two at the eastern end and two at the western end of the bridge). The posts shall be cleanly removed at their base and safely stored on site in a location to be directed by the County.

The Contractor is advised of the likely presence of lead paint and the possibility of the presence of asbestos. Contractor shall prepare and submit for review a Health and Safety Plan that addresses all potentially hazardous materials and conditions on the project. The Contractor shall comply with all federal, state and local codes, regulations and permit processes. It is the Contractor's responsibility to employ appropriate measures to prevent the release of any potentially hazardous materials into the environment. In the event that additional hazardous materials or conditions are discovered during the progress of the work, the Contractor shall notify the County immediately, and the Health and Safety Plan shall be revised accordingly. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to ensure that safe working conditions are ensured at all times and that all work is properly permitted.

3.3 Submittals, to be provided after contract award,

- Demolition Sequencing Plan
- Health and Safety Plan

4.0 TECHNICAL PROPOSAL EVALUATION

The criteria set forth below will be used in the evaluation of technical proposals.

Bidders are to make written proposals that present the bidder's qualifications and understanding of the work to be performed. Bidders shall address each of the specific evaluation criteria listed below, in the order presented. Failure to include any of the requested information may be cause for the proposal to be considered

nonresponsive and rejected. An “Acceptable” technical proposal is a proposal that receives an evaluation score of 75 points or higher based on the following criteria:

Past Experience and references on Similar Projects	25 Points
Proposal for removal of the Goose Creek Bridge	50 Points
Credentials of the Project Team	25 Points

Information shall be submitted in the following order:

4.1 Technical Proposal Submission Forms/Signature Page (IFB Pages 20 & 21)

4.2 Proof of Authority to Transact Business Form (IFB Page 22)

4.3 Past Experience and references on Similar Projects. Include as a minimum:

Provide a description of three (3) similar bridge removal/demolition projects that are in progress or have been completed within the past ten (10) years. Similar projects would be the removal of bridges similar to the 1932 Goose Creek Bridge County identified in this IFB

References: all bidders shall include with their proposals a minimum of three (3) current references. References may be from the projects identified above or other projects of similar scope. This list shall include company name, person to contact, address, telephone number, fax number, e-mail address, and the nature of the work performed. Failure to include references may be cause for rejection of the proposal as non-responsive and/or non-responsible. Bidder hereby releases listed references from all claims and liability for damages that may result from the information provided by the reference.

4.4 Proposal for Removal of the Goose Creek Bridge. Include as a minimum:

- A. Describe in detail your plan to remove the superstructure (steel truss) of the old Goose Creek Bridge.
- B. Identify the need to access adjacent properties (staging areas, equipment placement).
- C. Describe your key safety concerns and how you plan to mitigate them.
- D. Describe your plan to manage hazardous waste generated from this project, such as steel coated with lead based paint.
- E. Describe measures you will take to make sure the Goose Creek and the stream banks are not adversely impacted by the removal of the bridge superstructure.

4.5 Credentials of the Project Team. Include as a minimum:

- A. Identify key personnel to be assigned to this project and their relevant experience

- B. Identify sub-contractors and previous working experience with sub-contractors.
 - C. Identify contractor's license and other licenses to complete required work.
- 4.6 Additional Documents. Include requested documents such as, but not limited to: W-9, insurance certificate, addendums and the "How did you Hear" form on IFB Page 109.

5.0 DISCREPANCIES

Should a bidder find discrepancies in the plans and/or specifications or be in doubt as to the meaning or intent of any part thereof, the bidder shall request clarification from the County in writing, not later than ten (10) working days prior to the bid opening. Any changes to the IFB that result from such a clarification request, will be communicated through a written addendum and posted on the Procurement home page at www.loudoun.gov/procurement. Failure to request such a clarification is a waiver of any claim by the bidder for additional expenses because its interpretation was different than the County's.

6.0 BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL, AND OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE REQUIREMENT

All firms or individuals located or doing business in Loudoun County are required to be licensed in accordance with the County's "Business, Professional, and Occupational Licensing (BPOL) Tax" Ordinance during the initial term of the Contract or any renewal period.

Wholesale and retail merchants without a business location in Loudoun County are exempt from this requirement. Questions concerning the BPOL Tax should be directed to the Office of Commissioner of Revenue, telephone (703) 777-0260.

7.0 PAYMENT OF TAXES

All Contractors located or owning property in Loudoun County during the initial term of the Contract or any renewal period shall assure that all real and personal property taxes are paid.

The County will verify payment of all real and personal property taxes by the Contractor prior to the award of any Contract or Contract renewal.

8.0 NOTICE OF REQUIRED DISABILITY LEGISLATION COMPLIANCE

Loudoun County government is required to comply with state and federal disability legislation: The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504, The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for 1990 Title II and The Virginians with Disabilities Act of 1990.

Specifically, Loudoun County, may not, through its Contractual and/or financial arrangements, directly or indirectly avoid compliance with Title II of the Americans

with Disabilities Act, Public Law 101-336, which prohibits discrimination by public entities on the basis of disability. Subtitle A protects qualified individuals with disability from discrimination on the basis of disability in the services, programs, or activities of all State and local governments. It extends the prohibition of discrimination in federally assisted programs established by the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504 to all activities of State and local governments, including those that do not receive Federal financial assistance, and incorporates specific prohibitions of discrimination on the basis of disability in Titles I, III, and V of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Virginians with Disabilities Act of 1990 follows the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Section 504.

9.0 ETHICS IN PUBLIC CONTRACTING

The provisions contained in Sections 2.2-4367 through 2.2-4377 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act as set forth in the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, shall be applicable to all Contracts solicited or entered into by the County. A copy of these provisions may be obtained from the Purchasing Agent upon request.

The above-stated provisions supplement, but do not supersede, other provisions of law including, but not limited to, the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (§ 2.2-3100 et seq.), the Virginia Governmental Frauds Act (§ 18.2-498.1 et seq.) and Articles 2 and 3 of Chapter 10 of Title 18.2. The provisions apply notwithstanding the fact that the conduct described may not constitute a violation of the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act.

10.0 EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION BY CONTRACTORS PROHIBITED

Every Contract of over \$10,000 shall include the following provisions:

- A. During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:
 - 1. The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, status as a service disabled veteran, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause.
 - 2. The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, shall state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer.
 - 3. Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with federal law, rule or regulation shall be deemed sufficient to meet this requirement.

- B. The Contractor will include the provisions of the foregoing paragraphs, 1, 2, and 3 in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

11.0 DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

Every Contract of over \$10,000 shall include the following provisions:

During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees to (i) provide a drug-free workplace for the Contractor's employees; (ii) post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana is prohibited in the Contractor's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of such prohibition; (iii) state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or behalf of the Contractor that the Contractor maintains a drug-free workplace; and (iv) include the provisions of the foregoing clauses in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000, so that the provisions will be binding upon each subcontractor or vendor.

For the purposes of this section, "drug-free workplace" means a site for the performance of work done in connection with a specific Contract awarded to a Contractor in accordance with this chapter, the employees of whom are prohibited from engaging in the unlawful manufacture, sale, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance or marijuana during the performance of the Contract.

12.0 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

Loudoun County does not discriminate against faith-based organizations.

13.0 EXEMPTION FROM TAXES

Pursuant to Va. Code § 58.1-609.1, the County is exempt from Virginia State Sales or Use Taxes and Federal Excise Tax, therefore the Contractor shall not charge the County for Virginia State Sales or Use Taxes or Federal Excise Tax on the finished goods or products provided under the Contract. However, this exemption does not apply to the Contractor, and the Contractor shall be responsible for the payment of any sales, use, or excise tax it incurs in providing the goods required by the Contract, including, but not limited to, taxes on materials purchased by a Contractor for incorporation in or use on a construction project. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Contractor from including its own sales tax expense in connection with the Contract in its Contract price.

14.0 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS

The following bonds or security shall be delivered to the County and shall become binding on the parties upon the execution of the Contract:

- A A performance bond satisfactory to the County, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in Virginia with a Best's Key Rating of Level A or better and in a financial size of Class VII or higher, or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to the County, for the faithful performance of the Contract in strict conformity with the plans, specifications and conditions of the Contract. The bond shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the price specified in the Contract; and
- B A payment bond satisfactory to the County, executed by a surety company authorized to do business in Virginia with a Best's Key Rating of Level A or better and in a financial size of Class VII or higher, or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to the County, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the Contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the Contract. Labor and materials shall include public utility services and reasonable rentals of equipment, but only for the periods when the equipment rented is actually used at the site. The bond shall be in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the price specified in the Contract.
- C. The amount of the performance and payment bonds shall increase without the necessity of any action by the County, to the same extent the Contract Price increases due to changes.
- D. All sureties providing bonds shall give written notice to the County at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration or termination of the bond(s).
- E. If at any time, any surety or sureties become insolvent or are determined by the Owner to be unable to adequately secure the interests of the County, the Contractor shall within thirty (30) days after such notice from County to do so, substitute an acceptable bond(s) in such form and sum and signed by such other sureties as may be satisfactory to County. The premium on such bond(s) shall be paid by the Contractor at no additional cost to the County provided reasonable justification can be provided by the County for its determination.
- F. A prime Contractor shall not be precluded from requiring each subcontractor to furnish a payment bond with surety thereon in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract with such subcontractor.

15.0 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT BOND FORMS AND COPIES; ALTERNATIVE FORMS

In lieu of a payment or performance bond, the Contractor may furnish a certified check or cash escrow in the face amount required for the bond. If approved by the County Attorney, a Contractor may furnish a personal bond, property bond, or bank or savings and loan association's letter of credit on certain designated funds in the face amount required for the payment or performance bond. Approval shall be granted only upon a determination that the alternative form of security proffered affords the same protection to the County equivalent to the corporate surety bond.

16.0 CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT RETAINAGES

The Contractor shall be paid ninety-five percent (95%) of the earned sum when payment is due, with not more than five percent (5%) being retained to assure faithful performance of the Contract. All amounts withheld may be included in the final payment. Any subcontract which provides for similar progress payments shall be subject to the same limitations.

17.0 ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR RETAINED FUNDS

Provided the Bid price exceeds \$200,000.00 and subject to the provisions of Section 2.2-4334 of the Virginia Public Procurement Act, the bidder shall have the option to request use of an escrow account procedure for utilization of funds retained by the County, and may request use of this option by so indicating in the space provided on the Bid Form. If the Contractor elects to use the escrow account procedure, the "Escrow Agreement" form included with this bid shall be executed by the Contractor and submitted to the Purchasing Agent within fifteen (15) calendar days of notification by the County that its bid has been accepted. If the "Escrow Agreement" is not submitted within the fifteen (15) day period, the Contractor shall forfeit such rights to the use of the escrow account procedure.

In order to have retained funds paid to an escrow agent, the Contractor, the escrow agent and the surety shall execute an Escrow Agreement form and submit same to the County for approval. The Contractor's escrow agent shall be a trust company, bank or savings and loan institution with its principal office located in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Escrow Agreement form shall contain the complete address of the escrow agent and surety, and an executed escrow agreement will be authority for the County Administrator, or his designee, to make payment of retained funds to the escrow agent. After approving the Escrow Agreement, the County will pay to the escrow agent the funds retained as provided herein except that funds retained for lack of progress or other deficiencies on the part of the Contractor will not be paid to the escrow agent.

The escrow agent may, in accordance with stipulations contained in the Escrow Agreement, invest the funds paid into the escrow account and pay earnings on such investments to the Contractor or release the funds to the Contractor

provided such funds are fully secured by approved securities.

Retained funds invested and securities held as collateral for retainage may be released only as and when directed by the County Administrator, or his designee. When the final pay application is released for payment, the County will direct the escrow agent to settle the escrow account by paying the Contractor or the County monies due them as determined by the County Administrator, or his designee. The County reserves the right to recall retained funds and to release same to the surety upon receipt of written requests from the Contractor or in the event of default.

18.0 AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA

A Contractor organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law. Any business entity described herein that enters into a Contract with the County pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act 2.2-4300 et seq. shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia, to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the term of the Contract. The County may void any Contract with a business entity if the business entity fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section.

19.0 INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS

19.1 Preparation and Submission of Bids

- A. Before submitting a bid, read the ENTIRE solicitation including the Contract Terms and Conditions. Failure to read any part of this solicitation will not relieve a bidder of the Contractual obligations. Bidders who respond to this solicitation are to furnish unpriced technical proposals in one sealed container and their bid prices in a second sealed container at the same time.
- B. Bid Pricing must be submitted on the Invitation for Bid Pricing Form only (IFB Page 19) and must be submitted to the Division of Procurement in a sealed container. This sealed container must be separate from the Technical Proposal. The face of the sealed container shall indicate the IFB number, time and date of opening and the title of the IFB.
- C. Technical Proposals (unpriced) must be submitted to the Division of Procurement in a sealed container on the Technical Proposal Form (IFB Pages 20 & 21). The face of the sealed container shall indicate the IFB number, time and date of opening and the title of the IFB.

- D. All bids shall be signed in ink by the individual or authorized principals of the firm.
- E. All attachments to the Invitation for Bid requiring execution by the firm are to be returned with the bids.
- F. Bids (Technical Proposal & Bid Pricing) must be received by the Division of Procurement prior to 4:00 p.m., local Atomic time on date identified on the cover of this IFB. An atomic clock is located in the Division of Procurement and can also be verified by visiting <http://www.time.gov/timezone.cgi?Eastern/d/-5/java>. Requests for extensions of this time and date will not be granted, unless deemed to be in the County's best interest. Bidders mailing their bids shall allow for sufficient mail time to ensure receipt of their bids by the Division of Procurement by the time and date fixed for acceptance of the bids. Bids or unsolicited amendments to bids received by the County after the acceptance date and time will not be considered. Bids will be publicly accepted and logged in at the time and date specified above.
- G. Bids may be either mailed or hand delivered to One Harrison Street, S.E., 4th Floor, MSC #41C, Leesburg, Virginia 20175. Faxed and e-mailed bids will not be accepted.
- H. Each firm shall submit one (1) original and three (3) copies of their technical proposal and one (1) original of their bid price bid to the County's Division of Procurement as indicated on the cover sheet of this Invitation for Bid.

19.2 Questions and Inquiries

Questions and inquiries, both oral and written, will be accepted from any and all bidders. However, when requested, complex oral questions shall be submitted in writing via email. The Division of Procurement is the sole point of contact for this solicitation unless otherwise instructed herein. Unauthorized contact with other Loudoun County staff regarding the IFB may result in the disqualification of the bidder. Inquiries pertaining to the Invitation for Bid must give the IFB number, time and date of opening and the title of the IFB. Material questions will be answered in writing with an Addendum provided, however, that all questions are received **by 5:00 p.m. Friday October 12, 2012**. It is the responsibility of all bidders to ensure that they have received all Addendums and to include signed copies with their bid. Addendums can be downloaded from www.loudoun.gov/procurement.

19.3 Exceptions/Additions

No exceptions or additions to the Specifications/Scope of Work or Contract Terms and Conditions shall be permitted. Any questions or concerns regarding any part of the IFB shall be submitted to the Division of Procurement prior to the date specified in the Questions and Inquiries

section above. Bids containing any exceptions to the Specifications/Scope of Work or Contract Terms and Conditions or submitting additional Terms and Conditions shall be deemed non-responsive and rejected. Exceptions or additions proposed after bid submission by the successful bidder shall not be accepted.

19.4 Inspection of Site

On-site inspections will be conducted during the mandatory pre-bid conferences.

19.5 Firm Pricing for County Acceptance

Bid price must be firm for County acceptance for a minimum of ninety (90) days from bid opening date.

19.6 Proprietary Information

Trade secrets or proprietary information submitted by a bidder in connection with this solicitation shall not be subject to disclosure under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; however, **pursuant to Section 2.2-4342 of the Code of Virginia, the bidder must invoke the protections of this section prior to or upon submission of the data or other materials, and must clearly identify the data or other materials to be protected and state the reasons why protection is necessary. Failure to abide by this procedure may result in disclosure of the bidder's information.** Bidders shall not mark sections of their bid as proprietary if they are to be part of the award of the Contract and are of a "Material" nature.

19.7 Authority to Bind Firm in Contract

Bids MUST give full firm name and address of bidder. Failure to manually sign bid may disqualify it. Person signing bid should show TITLE or AUTHORITY TO BIND THE FIRM IN A CONTRACT. Firm name and authorized signature must appear on bid in the space provided on the pricing page. Those authorized to sign are as follows:

If a sole proprietorship, the owner may sign.

If a general partnership, any general partner may sign.

If a limited partnership, a general partner must sign.

If a limited liability company, a "member" may sign or "manager" must sign if so specified by the articles of organization

If a regular corporation, the CEO, President or Vice-President must sign.

Others may be granted authority to sign but the County requires that a corporate document authorizing him/her to sign be submitted with bid.

19.8 Withdrawal of Construction Contract Bid Due to Error

A bidder for a construction Contract may withdraw its bid from consideration if the price bid was substantially lower than the other bids due solely to a mistake therein, provided the bid was submitted in good faith, and the

mistake was a clerical mistake as opposed to a judgment mistake, and was actually due to an unintentional arithmetic error or an unintentional omission of a quantity of work, labor or material made directly in the compilation of a bid, which unintentional arithmetic error or unintentional omission can be clearly shown by objective evidence drawn from inspection of original work papers, documents and materials used in the preparation of the bid sought to be withdrawn. The bidder shall give notice in writing of its claim of right to withdraw his bid within two business days after the conclusion of the bid opening procedure and shall submit original work papers with such notice.

19.9 Subcontractors

Please refer to Article 5: subcontractors, of the *County of Loudoun General Conditions of the Building Construction Contract*.

19.10 Late Bids

LATE bids will be returned to bidder UNOPENED, if IFB number, opening date and bidder's return address is shown on the container.

19.11 Rights of County

The County reserves the right to reject all or any part of any bid, waive informalities, and award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder to best serve the interest of the County. Informality shall mean a minor defect or variation of a bid from the exact requirements of the Invitation to Bid which does not affect the price, quality, quantity, or delivery schedule for the goods, services or construction being procured.

19.12 Prohibition as Subcontractors Under Competitive Sealed Bidding

No bidder who is permitted to withdraw a bid shall, for compensation, supply any material or labor to or perform any subcontract or other work agreement for the person or firm to whom the Contract is awarded or otherwise benefit, directly or indirectly, from the performance of the project for which the withdrawn bid was submitted.

19.13 Vendor Preference in Tie Bids

The Division of Procurement and all other departments of the County making purchases of goods, services and construction shall give preference to goods, services and construction sold by County and State vendors, in that order, in all cases of tie bids, quality and service being equal.

19.14 Anti-Trust Violations

Tie bids may cause rejection of bids by the Division of Procurement and/or prompt an investigation for Anti Trust violations.

19.15 Basis for Award

Contract award will be made to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder based upon the lump sum.

Whenever the lowest responsive and responsible bidder is a resident of a state other than Virginia and such state under its laws allows a resident Contractor of that state a percentage preference, a like preference shall be allowed to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder who is a resident of Virginia and is the next lowest bidder. If the lowest bidder is a resident Contractor of a state with an absolute preference, the bid preference shall not be considered.

19.16 Negotiation with the Lowest Responsible Bidder

Unless all bids are cancelled or rejected, the County reserves the right granted by § 2.2-4318 of the *Code of Virginia* to negotiate with the lowest responsive, responsible bidder to obtain a Contract price within the funds available whenever such low bid exceeds the available funds. Negotiations with the low bidder may include both modifications of the bid price and the specifications/scope of work to be performed.

19.17 Notice of Award

A Notice of Award will be posted on the County's web site (www.loudoun.gov/procurement) and on the bulletin board located in the Division of Procurement, 4th floor, One Harrison St, SE, Leesburg, 20175.

19.18 Protest

Bidders may refer to Sections 2.2-4357 through 2.2-4364 of the Code of Virginia to determine their remedies concerning this competitive process. Protests shall be submitted to the Director, Management and Financial Services.

19.19 Construction Contract Bid Security

Bid security is required for this project. Bid security shall be a bond provided by a surety company selected by the bidder and authorized to do business in Virginia, or the equivalent in cash, or otherwise supplied in a form satisfactory to the County. Bid security shall be in an amount equal to at least five percent (5%) of the amount of the bid. Non-compliance with this provision requires that the bid be rejected unless it is determined that the bid fails to comply in a non-substantial manner the security requirements.

19.20 Construction Contract Bond Forms and Copies; Alternative Forms

In lieu of a bid, payment or performance bond, a bidder may furnish a certified check or cash escrow in the face amount required for the bond. If approved by the County Attorney, a bidder may furnish a personal bond, property bond, or bank or savings and loan association's letter of credit on certain designated funds in the face amount required for the bid, payment or performance bond. Approval shall be granted only upon a determination that the alternative form of security proffered affords the same protection to the County equivalent to the corporate surety bond.

19.21 Debarment

By submitting a bid, the bidder is certifying that bidder is not currently debarred by the County, or in a procurement involving federal funds, by the Federal Government. A copy of the County's debarment procedure in accordance with Section 2.2-4321 of the Code of Virginia is available upon request.

19.22 Proof of Authority to Transact Business in Virginia

A bidder organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia shall include in its bid or proposal the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission. Any bidder that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law shall include in its bid or proposal a statement describing why the bidder is not required to be so authorized. Any bidder described herein that fails to provide the required information shall not receive an award unless a waiver of this requirement and the administrative policies and procedures established to implement this section is granted by the Purchasing Agent or his designee. The SCC may be reached at (804) 371-9733 or at <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/default.aspx>.

19.23 W-9 Form Required

Each bidder shall submit a completed W-9 form with their bid. In the event of Contract award, this information is required in order to issue purchase orders and payments to your firm. A copy of this form can be downloaded from <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>.

19.24 Insurance Coverage

Bidders shall include with their bid a copy of their current Certificate of Insurance that illustrates the current level of coverage the bidder carries. The Certificate can be a current file copy and does not need to include any "additional insured" language for the County.

19.25 Acknowledgement of Contract

By submitting a bid, the bidder acknowledges that it understands and agrees to the Contract Terms and Conditions contained herein.



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BID PRICING FORM REMOVAL OF THE GOOSE CREEK BRIDGE

The firm of _____
hereby offers to achieve substantial completion of the Removal of the Goose Creek Bridge in
accordance with this Invitation for Bid within 180 days after Notice to Proceed.

Base Bid

Removal of the Goose Creek Bridge

Lump Sum \$ _____

Person to contact regarding this bid: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name of person authorized to bind the Firm (19.7): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

By signing and submitting a bid, your firm acknowledges and agrees that it has read and understands the IFB documents and agrees to the Contract Terms and Conditions as contained herein



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**TECHNICAL PROPOSAL FORM
REMOVAL OF THE GOOSE CREEK BRIDGE**

The firm of _____ hereby offers to achieve substantial completion of the Removal of the Goose Creek Bridge in accordance with this Invitation for Bid within 180 days after Notice to Proceed.

Attention bidders: Do not take any exceptions or make any qualifications to your bid.

Bidder shall indicate below its intended use, or nonuse of the escrow provisions available:

I **DO** _____ OR I **DO NOT** _____ WISH TO USE THE ESCROW ACCOUNT FOR RETAINED FUNDS AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS BID DOCUMENT.

A. Return the following with your bid. If bidder fails to provide with their bid, items shall be provided within twenty-four (24) hours of bid opening.

ITEM:	INCLUDED: (X)
1. W-9 Form (19.23):	_____
2. Certificate of Insurance (19.24):	_____
3. Addenda, if any (Informality) (19.11):	_____

B. Failure to provide the following items with your bid shall be cause for rejection of bid as non-responsive and/or non-responsible. It is the responsibility of the bidder to ensure that it has received all addenda and to include signed copies with their bid (19.2).

ITEM:	INCLUDED: (X)
1. Addenda, if any:	_____
2. Payment Terms:	_____ net 30 or _____ Other
3. Technical Proposal, 1 original and 3 copies (19.1) (Page 20 & 21 & 4.0 in a separate sealed container)	_____
4. Bid Pricing, 1 original (19.1) (Page 19 in a separate sealed container)	_____
5. Proof of Authority to Transact Business in Virginia Form (Page 22):	_____
6. Bid Bond (19.19):	_____

Person to contact regarding this bid: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name of person authorized to bind the Firm (19.7): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

By signing and submitting a bid, your firm acknowledges and agrees that it has read and understands the IFB documents and agrees to the Contract Terms and Conditions as contained herein



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Division of Procurement

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PROOF OF AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA

THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH YOUR BID/PROPOSAL. FAILURE TO INCLUDE THIS FORM SHALL RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR BID/PROPOSAL

Pursuant to Virginia Code §2.2-4311.2, a bidder/offeree organized or authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth pursuant to Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia shall include in its bid/ proposal the identification number issued to it by the State Corporation Commission ("SCC"). Any bidder/offeree that is not required to be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a foreign business entity under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law shall include in its bid or proposal a statement describing why the offeror is not required to be so authorized. Any bidder/offeree described herein that fails to provide the required information shall not receive an award unless a waiver of this requirement and the administrative policies and procedures established to implement this section is granted by the Purchasing Agent or his designee.

If this bid/proposal for goods or services is accepted by the County of Loudoun, Virginia, the undersigned agrees that the requirements of the Code of Virginia Section 2.2-4311.2 have been met.

Please complete the following by checking the appropriate line that applies and providing the requested information. **PLEASE NOTE: The SCC number is NOT your federal ID number or business license number.**

A. _____ Bidder/offeree is a Virginia business entity organized and authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC and such bidder's/offeree's Identification Number issued to it by the SCC is _____.

B. _____ Bidder/offeree is an out-of-state (foreign) business entity that is authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC and such bidder's/offeree's Identification Number issued to it by the SCC is _____.

C. _____ Bidder/offeree does not have an Identification Number issued to it by the SCC and such bidder/offeree is not required to be authorized to transact business in Virginia by the SCC for the following reason(s):

Please attach additional sheets of paper if you need to explain why such bidder/offeree is not required to be authorized to transact business in Virginia.

Legal Name of Company (as listed on W-9)

Legal Name of Bidder/Offeree

Date

Authorized Signature

Print or Type Name and Title

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GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT

ARTICLE 1: CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

1.1 DEFINITIONS

1.1.1 CONTRACT AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

The Contract Documents include the Owner-Contractor Agreement and its attachments: the County's Invitation for Bid NO. QQ-01710 dated September 12, 2012 and any addenda, the Contractor's bid dated _____, the Contract Plans and Specifications and any addenda. Any soils, geotechnical or other reports, surveys and analyses which may be made available to the Contractor for review or information under this Contract, are not adopted by reference into, nor are they part of the Contract Documents.

1.1.2 MODIFICATION:

A Modification is (a) a written Amendment to the Contract signed by both parties, (b) a written Change Order signed by both parties (c) a written Field Order or, (d) a Unilateral Change Order issued by the Owner.

1.1.3 WORK:

The term "Work" as used herein refers to work at the site of the project, is that normally done at the location of the project and includes all plant, labor, materials, supplies, equipment and other facilities and things necessary or proper for or incidental to the carrying out and completion of this Contract. The term "Work" shall be construed to include material suitably stored and protected.

1.1.4 PROJECT:

The Project is the total construction of which the Work performed under Contract Documents may be the whole or a part.

1.1.5 FURNISH, INSTALL, PROVIDE:

The terms "Furnish" or "Install" or "Provide", unless specifically limited in context, mean: furnishing and incorporating a specified item, product or material in the work, including all necessary labor, materials, equipment to perform the work required, ready for use.

1.1.6 EXTRA WORK:

The term "Extra Work" as used herein, refers to and includes work required by the Owner, which, in the judgment of the Owner involves changes in or additions to that required by the drawings, specifications and addenda in their present form.

1.1.7 NOTICE OF AWARD:

The written notice of the acceptance of the Contractor's bid from the Owner to the Successful Bidder.

1.1.8 NOTICE:

The term "Notice" as used herein shall mean written notice delivered to:

If to Owner:

Department of Construction and Waste Management
211 Gibson Street, N.W., MSC #49
Leesburg, VA 20176

Purchasing Agent
1 Harrison Street, S.E., MSC#41C
Leesburg, VA 20175

County Attorney
1 Harrison Street S.E., MSC#06
Leesburg, VA 20175

If to Contractor:

(Insert Successful bidder name and address)

Delivery shall be deemed to have been given when made in writing and (a) when delivered in person, or (b) on the date delivered by special courier or recognized overnight delivery service, or three (3) business days after being sent by United States mail. Facsimile copies and e-mail shall be acceptable if the original is received by special courier, recognized overnight delivery service, or United States mail within three (3) business days.

1.1.9 MISCELLANEOUS WORDS OR TERMS:

Whenever they refer to the work or its performance, "directed", "required", "permitted", "ordered", "designated", "prescribed", and words of like import shall imply the direction, requirements, permission, order, designation or prescription of the Owner and "approved", "acceptable", "satisfactory", "in

the judgment of" and words of like import shall mean approved by or acceptable to or satisfactory to or in the judgment of the Owner.

1.2 EXECUTION, CORRELATION AND INTENT OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- 1.2.1 Three (3) originals of the Owner-Contractor Agreement shall be executed.
- 1.2.2 The intent of the Contract Documents is to include all items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work. The Contract Documents are complementary, and what is required by any one shall be as binding as if required by all. Words and abbreviations which have well-known technical or trade meanings are used in the Contract Documents in accordance with such recognized meanings.
- 1.2.3 Anything shown on the drawings and not mentioned in the specifications or mentioned in the specifications and not shown on the drawings shall have the same effect as if shown or mentioned respectively in both. Technical specifications take priority over general specifications and detail drawings take precedence over general drawings. Any conflict or inconsistency in the drawings shall be submitted by the Contractor to the A/E, with a copy to the Owner. The A/E's decision thereon shall be final. In case of conflict or inconsistency between the drawings and the specifications, the specifications shall govern.
- 1.2.4 Should any labor or material be required which is not denoted in the drawings and specifications, but which is, nevertheless, reasonably necessary for the proper carrying out of the intent of the Work, it is agreed that the labor or material is implied and the Contractor shall provide such labor and furnish such materials as fully as if they were completely delineated and prescribed without additional cost to the Owner.
- 1.2.5 The Contractor may be furnished additional instructions and detail drawings to carry out the work included in the Contract. The additional drawings and instructions thus supplied to the Contractor will coordinate with the Contract Documents and will be so prepared that they can be reasonably interpreted as a part thereof. The Contractor shall carry out the work in accordance with the additional detail drawings and instructions.
- 1.2.6 The drawings and specifications are divided into sections for convenience and clarity only. The Contractor shall not construe this as a division of the work into various subcontractor units. The Contractor may subcontract the Work in such divisions as he sees fit, but he is ultimately responsible

for furnishing all work shown on the drawings and in the specifications.

- 1.2.7 The provisions of this Contract cannot be amended, modified, varied or waived in any respect except by a Modification. **The Contractor is hereby given notice that no person has authority to orally waive, or to release the Contractor from any of the Contractor's duties or obligations under or arising out of this Contract.** Any waiver, approval or consent granted by Modification to the Contractor shall be limited to those matters specifically and expressly stated thereby to be waived, approved or consented to and shall not relieve the Contractor of the obligation to obtain any future waiver, approval or consent.

1.3 OWNERSHIP AND USE OF DOCUMENTS

- 1.3.1 All Drawings, Specifications, and memoranda relating to the Work are the property of the Owner and are to be used only for the Project.
- 1.3.2 The Contractor shall be furnished the number of sets of drawings and specifications, as set forth in the Owner-Contractor Agreement, free of charge by the Owner for use in construction. Additional sets of drawings and specifications may be obtained by paying the Owner for printing, mailing, and handling charges.

ARTICLE 2: ARCHITECT/ENGINEER

2.1 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1.1 The term Architect/Engineer, hereinafter "A/E" or "Architect" or "Engineer", shall mean the consulting firm or County agency, or their duly authorized representatives, lawfully licensed to practice in Virginia, that is responsible for designing or engineering the work, and performing the activities specified herein.
- 2.1.2 The A/E is identified in the Owner-Contractor Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and masculine in gender. The A/E is further described as one of the following:

2.2 ARCHITECT/ENGINEER STATUS

- 2.2.1 The A/E will provide services as described in these General Conditions.
- 2.2.2 The A/E will advise and consult with the Owner. The Owner's instructions to the Contractor may be forwarded through the A/E. The A/E will have

authority to act on behalf of the Owner only to the extent provided in the Contract Documents, unless otherwise changed by Modification.

- 2.2.3 The A/E may visit the site at intervals appropriate to the stage of construction to familiarize himself generally with the progress and quality of the Work and to determine in general if the Work is proceeding in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Contractor may not rely on the A/E to make exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work.
- 2.2.4 The A/E will immediately inform the Owner and Contractor whenever in the reasonable opinion of the A/E any of the Work is proceeding contrary to the requirements of the Contract Documents and will be unacceptable. Such notification by the A/E will not be a cause for the Contractor to claim either delay of the Work or any increase in the Contract Sum.
- 2.2.5 The A/E, the Owner and other governmental representatives shall at all times have access to the Work wherever it is in preparation and progress. The Contractor shall provide facilities for such access so that the A/E, the Owner and other governmental representatives may perform their functions under the Contract Documents.
- 2.2.6 Where applicable, based on the A/E's observations and an evaluation of the Contractor's Applications for Payment, the A/E will recommend the amounts owing to the Contractor and will issue Certificates for Payment in such amounts, as provided in Article 9 Payments and Completion.
- 2.2.7 The A/E will be an interpreter of the requirements of the plans, drawings, and specifications. The A/E will render interpretations necessary for the proper execution and progress of the Work, with reasonable promptness and in accordance with any time limit agreed upon. Either party to the Contract may make written request to the A/E for such interpretations. All interpretations of the A/E shall be consistent with the intent of and reasonably inferable from the plans, drawings, and specifications and will be in writing and/or in the form of drawings.
- 2.2.8 The A/E will recommend to the Owner the rejection of work that does not conform to the plans, drawings, and specifications. Whenever, in his opinion, he considers it necessary or advisable for the implementation of the intent of the Contract Documents, he will have authority to require special inspection or testing of the work in accordance with Subparagraph 7.6.2 whether or not such Work be then fabricated, installed or completed.
- 2.2.9 The A/E will review and approve or take other appropriate action upon Contractor's submittals such as Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and Manuals, but only for conformance with the design concept of the

Work and with the information given in the plans, drawings, and specifications. The A/E approval of a specific item shall not indicate approval of an assembly of which the item is a component.

2.2.10 The A/E's acceptance of materials or products on behalf of the Owner shall not bar future rejection of such items if they are subsequently found to be defective or inferior in quality or uniformity to the materials or products specified by the Contract, or if such items are not as represented by the Contractor.

2.2.11 As required, the A/E will conduct inspections to assist the Owner in determining the dates of Substantial Completion and Final Completion, will receive and forward to the Owner for the Owner's review written warranties and related documents required by the Contract and assembled by the Contractor, and will recommend final Certificate for Payment upon compliance with the requirements of Article 9 Payment and Completion.

2.2.12 All claims, disputes, or other matters or questions between the Contractor and Owner arising out of or relating to the A/E's interpretation of the Contract Documents or any other decisions, communications, or actions of the A/E arising out of or relating to the performance of the Work shall be resolved as set forth in Article 12 Changes and Modifications in the Work.

2.2.13 In case of the termination of the employment of the A/E, the Owner shall appoint a new A/E, who shall have the same status under the Contract Documents as the former A/E.

ARTICLE 3: OWNER

3.1 DEFINITION

3.1.1 The Owner is the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, Virginia and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and masculine in gender. The term Owner means the Owner or its authorized representative. The Director, Office of Capital Construction, is the authorized representative of the Board of Supervisors for this Contract.

3.1.2 The Office of Capital Construction, County of Loudoun will designate a single Owner's representative, with the title of Project Manager (PM), who will have the power to act, within the scope of his delegated authority, for and on behalf of the Owner, in accordance with the terms of the Contract.

- 3.1.3 For purposes of change in the work, the term "Owner" or "Owner's representative" specifically excludes any and all inspectors having building code or County ordinance responsibilities or jurisdiction under the requirements of the Building Permit.

3.2 INFORMATION POSSESSED BY OWNER

- 3.2.1 The Owner, as a courtesy, will make available for the Contractor's reasonable review, at the Owner's offices or together with the Contract Documents, certain boring logs, geotechnical, soils and other reports, surveys and analyses pertaining to the Contract site of which the Owner is aware and has in its possession. Any boring logs that are provided to the Contractor, are only intended to reflect conditions at the locations of the borings and do not necessarily reflect site conditions at other locations on the site. Any reports surveys and analyses provided by Owner are for the Contractor's information only, and their accuracy and completeness are not guaranteed or warranted by the Owner or the A/E, and such reports are not adopted by reference into, nor are they part of the Contract Documents.
- 3.2.2 Notwithstanding any factual statement, conclusion, or any language or recommendations contained in such reports, the Contractor assumes full responsibility for inspection of the site and for the means and methods of construction that he employs when performing the work. The Owner shall not be liable for any additional work or costs arising as a result of any conclusions reached or assumptions derived by the Contractor from or based upon any such geotechnical, soils and other reports, surveys and analyses which the Owner makes available for the Contractor's information and review.

3.3 OWNER-PAID PERMITS AND FEES

- 3.3.1 The Owner will, where applicable, secure and pay for:
- 3.3.1.1 Sewer availability fees;
 - 3.3.1.2 Water availability/meter connection fee;
 - 3.3.1.3 Electrical, natural gas, telephone, and cable TV permanent installation charges;
 - 3.3.1.4 Any easements required;
 - 3.3.1.5 Permits for work in Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) right-of-way. The Contractor is required to comply with

the General Requirement for work in the VDOT right-of-way as outlined in the Loudoun County Facilities Standards Manual and the VDOT Manual for this work. Upon completion of all work in the VDOT right-of-way, the VDOT Personnel will conduct an inspection and issue a punch list. The Contractor shall be responsible for completion of those items on the punch list and the written release of the Permit.

3.3.2. The Contractor's attention is directed to Article 4.7 Contractor-Paid Taxes, Permits, Fees, and Notices describing other permits to be obtained and fees to be paid by the Contractor.

3.3.3 The foregoing are in addition to other duties and responsibilities of the Owner enumerated elsewhere in the Contract Documents.

3.4 OWNER'S RIGHT TO STOP WORK

3.4.1 If the Contractor fails to correct defective Work as required herein or persistently fails to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Owner, by a written order, may order the Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated; however, this right of the Owner to stop the Work shall not give rise to any duty on the part of the Owner to exercise this right for the benefit of the Contractor or any other person or entity.

3.5 OWNER'S RIGHT TO CARRY OUT THE WORK

3.5.1 If the Contractor defaults or neglects to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents and fails within seven (7) days after receipt of written Notice from the Owner to commence and continue correction of such default or neglect with diligence and promptness, the Owner may, without prejudice to any other remedy he may have, rectify such deficiencies as outlined in Section 6.1 Owner's Right to Perform Work and to Award Separate Contracts. In such case an appropriate Change Order shall be issued deducting from the payments then or thereafter due the Contractor the cost of correcting such deficiencies, including compensation for the A/E's additional services made necessary by such default, neglect or failure. If the payments then or thereafter due the Contractor are not sufficient to cover such amount, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner.

3.5.2 Neither the Owner nor the A/E nor their officers, agents, assigns or employees are in any way liable or accountable to the Contractor or his surety for the method by which work performed by the Owner, or at the

Owner's direction, or any portion thereof, is accomplished or for price paid therefor. Notwithstanding the Owner's right to carry out a portion of the Work, maintenance and protection of the Work remains the Contractor's and Surety's responsibility as provided for in the Performance Bond and Guarantee of Contractor, pursuant, but not limited, to Articles 4 Contractor and 13 Uncovering and Correction of Work.

3.6 SUSPENSION OF WORK

3.6.1 The Owner shall have the authority to suspend the Work, in whole or in part, for such periods and such reasons as the Owner may deem necessary or desirable, in its sole discretion, including without limitation:

3.6.1.1 Unsuitable weather;

3.6.1.2 Other conditions considered unfavorable for the suitable prosecution of the Work; and/or

3.6.1.3 Other conditions considered adverse to the best interests of the Owner.

3.6.2 Any such suspension shall be in writing to the Contractor. The Contractor shall obey immediately such orders of the Owner and shall not resume the Work until so ordered in writing by the Owner. The Contractor may be entitled to an extension of the Contract Time subject to the provisions of this Section 3.6 and Article 8 Contract Time herein.

3.6.3 No such suspension of the Work shall be the basis of a claim by the Contractor for any increase in the Contract Sum or for any other damages, losses, costs or expenses whatsoever provided that the suspension is for a reasonable time under the circumstances then existing or the cause thereof is beyond the control and is without the fault or negligence of the Owner.

3.6.4 In the event of suspension of Work, the Contractor will and will cause his subcontractors to protect carefully his and their materials and work against damage or injury from the weather and maintain completed and uncompleted portions of the work as required by the Contract Documents. If, in the opinion of the Owner any work or material shall have been damaged or injured by reason of failure on the part of the Contractor or any of his subcontractors to so protect same, such work and materials shall be removed and replaced at the expense of the Contractor.

3.7 USE AND OCCUPANCY PRIOR TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE BY OWNER

3.7.1 The Owner has the right to take possession of and use any completed or

partially completed portions of the Work, notwithstanding that the time for completing the entire Work or any portions thereof may, or may not, have expired. The taking of possession and use by the Owner shall be in accordance with the provisions regarding Substantial Completion in Article 9.8 Substantial Completion and Guarantee Bond. If such prior use delays the Work, the Contractor may submit a request for a time extension in accordance with the requirements of Article 8 Contract Time.

3.8 RIGHT TO AUDIT AND PRESERVATION OF RECORDS

3.8.1 The Contractor shall maintain books, records and accounts of all costs in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and practices. The Owner or its authorized representative shall have the right to audit the books, records and accounts of the Contractor under any of the following conditions:

3.8.1.1 If the Contract is terminated for any reason in accordance with the provisions of these Contract Documents in order to arrive at equitable termination costs;

3.8.1.2 In the event of a disagreement between the Contractor and the Owner on the amount due the Contractor under the terms of this Contract;

3.8.1.3 To check or substantiate any amounts invoiced or paid which are required to reflect the costs of the Contractor, or the Contractor's efficiency or effectiveness under this Contract or in connection with extras, changes, claims, additions, backcharges, or other, as may be provided for in this Contract; and/or

3.8.1.4 If it becomes necessary to determine the Owner's rights and the Contractor's obligations under the Contract or to ascertain facts relative to any claim against the Contractor which may result in a charge against the Owner.

3.8.2 These provisions for an audit shall give the Owner unlimited access during normal working hours to the Contractor's books and records under the conditions stated above.

3.8.3 The Contractor shall make all his books, records, documents, and other evidence bearing on his costs and expenses under this Contract available to the Owner for a period of three years after final payment or termination hereunder

3.8.4 All payments under this Contract are subject to audit under the

circumstances stated above. Audits may be performed at the Owner's option, either during the Contract time period or during the above record retention time period. Regardless of authorization, approval or acceptance, signatures or letters which are given by the Owner and are part of the Owner's control systems or are requested by the Contractor, the payments made under this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of the Owner's right to audit. Payments shall not constitute a waiver or agreement by the Owner that it accepts as correct the billings, invoices or other charges on which the payments are based. If the Owner's audit produces a claim against the Contractor, the Owner may pursue all its legal remedies even though it has made all or part of the payments required by this Contract.

- 3.8.5 If any audit by the Owner or the Owner's representative discloses an underpayment by the Owner, the Owner shall have the duty to pay any amounts found by the audit to be owed to the Contractor. If such audit discloses an overpayment, the Contractor shall have the obligation to reimburse the Owner for the amount of the overpayment.
- 3.8.6 The Owner's right to audit and the preservation of records shall terminate at the end of three (3) years as stated herein above. The Contractor shall include this "Right to Audit and Preservation of Records" clause in all subcontracts issued by him and he shall require same to be inserted by all lower tier subcontractors in their subcontracts, for any portion of the work. Should Contractor fail to include this clause in any such Contract or lower tier Contract, or otherwise fail to insure the Owner's rights hereunder, Contractor shall be liable to Owner for all cost, expenses and attorney's fees which Owner may have to incur in order to obtain an audit or inspection of or the restoration of records which would have otherwise been available to Owner from said persons under this clause. Such audit may be conducted by the Owner or its authorized representative.

3.9 RIGHT TO REVIEW OTHER DOCUMENTS AND MATERIALS

- 3.9.1 In addition to the rights granted to the Owner under Article 3.8 Right to Audit and Preservation of Records, the Owner shall have the right to review and copy any and all of the Contractor's records pertaining to or relating in any way to this project, including, but not limited to, correspondence, memoranda, minutes, reports, intra- and inter-office communications, work papers, estimating sheets, progress reports, forecasts, audio or video recordings, computer disks, films, or any other materials, regardless of physical form or characteristics, which were prepared by or in the possession of, or obtainable by, the Contractor. The Contractor shall make all such documents and records available to the Owner upon ten (10) days written Notice to the Contractor of the Owner's intent to review such documents. The Contractor shall include this "Right

to Review Documents and Other Materials" clause in all subcontracts issued by him and he shall require same to be inserted by all lower-tier subcontractors in their subcontracts for any portion of the Work. The Contractor hereby waives any right he may have to additional compensation or time extensions in the event he fails or refuses to produce records pertaining to any such claim as requested by the Owner pursuant to this paragraph. In addition, the Owner may withhold all or any portion of any progress payments, which may be otherwise due, in the event Contractor refuses to comply with his obligations under this paragraph. The review of documents and other records under this clause may be conducted by the Owner or its authorized representatives.

ARTICLE 4: CONTRACTOR

4.1 DEFINITION

- 4.1.1 The Contractor is the person or entity identified in the Owner-Contractor Agreement and is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and masculine in gender. The term Contractor means the Contractor or his authorized representative.
- 4.1.2 This entire Contract is not one of agency by the Contractor for Owner but one in which the Contractor is engaged independently in the business of providing the services and performing the Work herein described as an independent Contractor.

4.2 REVIEW OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

- 4.2.1 The Contractor shall not perform any portion of the Work at any time without having obtained the Contract Documents or, where required, approved Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or Manuals for such portion of the Work
- 4.2.2 The Contractor and his subcontractors shall keep at the site of the Work at least two (2) copies of the drawings and specifications and shall at all times give the A/E, inspectors, as well as representatives of the Owner access thereto. Further, said drawings shall be the approved sets issued to the Contractor by the appropriate County Permit agencies

4.3 CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

By entering into this Contract with the Owner, the Contractor represents and warrants the following, together with all other representations and warranties in the Contract Documents

- 4.3.1 That he is experienced in and competent to perform the type of work

required and to furnish the plant, materials, supplies or equipment to be so performed or furnished by him;

- 4.3.2 That he is financially solvent, able to pay his debts as they mature, and possessed of sufficient working capital to initiate and complete the Work required under the Contract;
- 4.3.3 That he is familiar with all federal, state, and local government laws, ordinances, permits, regulations and resolutions which may in any way affect the Work or those employed therein;
- 4.3.4 That such temporary and permanent work required by the Contract Documents which is to be done by him will be satisfactorily constructed and fit for use for its intended purpose and that such construction will not injure any person, or damage any property;
- 4.3.5 That he has carefully examined the Contract Documents and the site of the Work and that from his own investigations, he has satisfied himself and made himself familiar with: (a) the nature and location of the Work, (b) the character, quality and quantity of materials likely to be encountered, including, but not limited to, all structures and obstructions on or at the project site, both natural and man-made; (c) the character of equipment and other facilities needed for the performance of the Work, (d) the general and local conditions including without limitation its climatic conditions, the availability and cost of labor and the availability and cost of materials, tools and equipment; (e) the quality and quantity of all materials, supplies, tools, equipment, labor and professional services necessary to complete the Work in the manner required by the Contract Documents; and (f) all other matters or things which could in any manner affect the performance of the Work;
- 4.3.6 That he will fully comply with all requirements of the Contract Documents;
- 4.3.7 That he will perform the Work consistent with good workmanship, sound business practice, and in the most expeditious and economical manner consistent with the best interests of the Owner;
- 4.3.8 That he will furnish efficient business administration, an experienced superintendent, and an adequate supply of workmen, equipment, tools and materials at all times;
- 4.3.9 That he will complete the Work within the Contract Time and within Contract Milestones;
- 4.3.10 That his Contract price is based upon the materials, systems and equipment required by the Contract Documents, without exception; and

4.3.11 That he has satisfied himself as to the feasibility and correctness of the Contract Documents for the construction of the Work.

4.4 SUPERVISION AND CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

4.4.1 The Contractor shall supervise and direct the Work, using his best skill and attention. He shall be solely responsible for all construction means, methods, techniques, sequences and procedures and for coordinating all portions of the Work under the Contract; subject, however, to the Owner's right to reject means and methods proposed by the Contractor which are unsafe or otherwise not in compliance with the Contract Documents.

4.4.2 The Contractor shall be responsible to the Owner for the acts and omissions of his employees, subcontractors and sub-subcontractor's, suppliers, their agents and employees, and of other persons performing any of the Work and for their compliance with each and every requirement of the Contract Documents, in the same manner as if they were directly employed by the Contractor.

4.4.3 The Contractor understands and agrees that he shall not be relieved of his obligations to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents either by the activities or duties of the Owner or the A/E in their administration of the Contract or by inspections, tests, or approvals required or performed under Article 7 by persons other than the Contractor.

4.4.4 Before starting a section of work, the Contractor shall carefully examine all preparatory work that has been executed by others to receive his Work to see that it has been completed. He shall check carefully, by whatever means are required, to ensure that his Work and adjacent, related work will finish to proper quality, contours, planes, and levels.

4.4.5 The Contractor understands and agrees that the Owner and A/E will not be responsible for and will not have control or charge of construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or for safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work, and they will not be responsible for the Contractor's failure to carry out the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. The Owner and the A/E will not be responsible for or have control or charge over the acts or omissions of the Contractor, subcontractors, or any of their agents or employees, or any other persons performing any of the Work.

4.4.6 The Contractor shall employ no plant, equipment, materials, or persons for this Work to which the Owner objects.

4.4.7 The Contractor shall not remove any portion of the Work or stored materials from the site of the Work.

4.5 LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT

4.5.1 The Contractor shall furnish all plant, labor, materials, supplies, equipment and other facilities and things necessary or proper for or incidental to the Work, and will perform all other obligations imposed on him by this Contract. Final payment will not be made until the Work is so completed.

4.5.2 Unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation, and other facilities and services necessary for the proper execution and completion of the Work, whether temporary or permanent and whether or not incorporated or to be incorporated in the Work.

4.5.3 Work and materials which are necessary in the construction but which are not specifically referred to in the specifications or shown in the drawings but implied by the Contract shall be furnished by the Contractor at his own cost and expense. Such work and materials shall correspond with the general character of the Work as may be determined by the A/E subject to review as provided in Article 2.2.11.

4.5.4 The Contractor shall perform at least that percentage of the Work specified in the Owner-Contractor Agreement, with forces that are in the direct employment of the Contractor's organization. The Contractor shall submit to the Owner within thirty (30) calendar days after award of the Contract for the Work, a designation of the Work to be performed by the Contractor with his own forces. The percentage of the Work to be performed under subcontract shall be calculated by adding the amounts of all subcontracts and dividing this sum by the total amount of the Contract.

4.5.5 The Contractor shall at all times enforce strict discipline, safety and good order among his employees and shall not employ on the Work any unfit person or anyone not skilled in the task assigned to him.

If any person employed on the Work by the Contractor shall appear to the Owner to be incompetent or to act in a disorderly or improper manner, such person shall be removed immediately at the request of the Owner, and shall not be reemployed except on written consent of the Owner.

4.5.6 No materials or supplies for the Work shall be purchased by the

Contractor or by any subcontractor subject to any chattel mortgage, or under a conditional sale or other agreement by which an interest is retained by the seller. The Contractor warrants that he has good title to all materials and supplies used by him in the Work.

- 4.5.7 The Contractor shall provide approved and adequate sanitary accommodations. All wastes shall be covered, disinfected, incinerated or otherwise disposed of legally.
- 4.5.8 All equipment, apparatus and/or devices of any kind to be incorporated into the Work that are shown or indicated on the drawings or called for in the specifications or required for the completion of the Work shall be entirely satisfactory to the Owner as regards operations, capacity and/or performance. No approval, either written or verbal, of any drawings, descriptive data or samples of such equipment, apparatus, and/or device shall relieve the Contractor of his responsibility to turn over the same in good working order for its intended purpose at the completion of the Work in complete accordance with the Contract Documents. Any equipment, apparatus and/or device not fulfilling these requirements shall be removed and replaced by proper and acceptable equipment, etc., or put in good working order satisfactory to the Owner without additional cost to the Owner.

4.6 WARRANTY

- 4.6.1 The Contractor warrants to the Owner that all materials and equipment furnished under this Contract will be new unless otherwise specified, and that all workmanship will be of first class quality, free from faults and defects and in conformance with the Contract Documents and all other warranties and guaranties specified therein. Where no standard is specified for such workmanship or materials, they shall be the best of their respective kinds. All Work not conforming to these requirements, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, may be considered defective.

If required by the Owner, the Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment. This warranty is not limited by the provisions of Article 13, Uncovering and Correction of Work.

- 4.6.2 The Work included in this Contract is heretofore specified. The Contractor shall be required to complete the Work specified and to provide all items needed for construction of the project, complete and in good order.

4.7 CONTRACTOR-PAID TAXES, PERMITS, FEES AND NOTICES

- 4.7.1 The Contractor shall pay all sales, consumer, use and other similar taxes for the Work or portions thereof provided by the Contractor which are legally enacted at the time bids are received, whether or not yet effective. Taxes to be paid by the Contractor shall include, but shall not be limited to, the Loudoun County Business, Professional and Occupational License Tax (a gross receipts tax).
- 4.7.2 Except as provided in Article 3.3 Owner-Paid Permits and Fees the Contractor will be responsible for obtaining and paying for all other fees, permits and licenses necessary for the proper execution of the work, including but not limited to:
- 4.7.2.1 Building Permit and inspections (County fees waived);
 - 4.7.2.2 Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical Permits and inspections (County fees waived);
 - 4.7.2.3 Temporary water meter, temporary electrical and C&P installations and temporary utility usage;
 - 4.7.2.4 Temporary security lighting;
 - 4.7.2.5 All other permits necessary in order to perform the Work shall be secured by the Contractor and fees necessary in order to perform the Work shall be paid by him as part of this Contract at no additional cost to the Owner.
- 4.7.3 The Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, permits, resolutions and lawful orders of any public authority bearing on the performance of the Work; including but not limited to OSHA, Title 40.1 Labor and Employment Chapter 3 of the Code of Virginia, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended. All safety violations shall be corrected immediately upon receipt of notice of violation.

4.8 COMPLIANCE

- 4.8.1 All demolition and excavation shall comply with the rules and regulations for the prevention of accidents as issued by the Department of Labor and Industry of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- 4.8.2 To the extent of the work indicated in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall comply and the construction shall conform with all

applicable and current editions or revisions of the following codes, specifications and standards. In case of conflict, the order of precedence shall be as hereinafter listed:

- 4.8.2.1 Contract Documents;
- 4.8.2.2 Loudoun County Purchasing Policy, as amended;
- 4.8.2.3 The Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, as amended (BOCA and NEC);
- 4.8.2.4 The Department of Building and Development Loudoun County, Facilities Manual; and
- 4.8.2.5 The Virginia Department of Transportation Road and Bridge Specifications and the Road Designs and Standards.

- 4.8.3 If the Contractor (or any person in contract with the Contractor relating to the subject project) finds an error, inconsistency, omission, ambiguity, discrepancy, conflict or variance in the Contract Documents, or between the Contract Documents and any of the codes, specifications and standards set forth in 4.8.2 herein, the Contractor has the obligation to seek a clarification thereof from the A/E, with a copy to the Owner, prior to the time the Work is performed which is affected by such error, inconsistency, omission, ambiguity, discrepancy, conflict or variance. The Owner will welcome such a clarification request and, if deemed necessary by the Owner, the Owner will issue a written instruction clarifying the matter in question. If the Contractor feels that the written clarification requires additional Work, the Contractor shall follow the change process in Article 12 Changes and Modifications in the Work.

Should the Contractor fail to seek such a clarification thereof immediately upon the discovery of the need therefor, prior to the time the said Work is performed, the Contractor thereby assumes all risk of loss related to such error, inconsistency, ambiguity, discrepancy, conflict or variance which the Contractor (and any person in contract with Contractor relating to the subject project) knew or should have known, using a normal, professional standard of care, existed prior to the time the Work was performed.

- 4.8.4 Any material or operation specified by reference to publications, published specifications of a Manufacturer, a Society, an Association, a Code, or other published Standard, shall comply with the requirements of the referenced document which is current on the date of receipt of bids. If the Contractor observes that any of the Contract Documents are at variance therewith in any respect, he shall promptly notify the A/E in writing, with a copy to the Owner. The A/E will make such judgments as are necessary

and notify the Contractor prior to the performance of the work.

- 4.8.5 If the Contractor performs any Work contrary to such laws, ordinances, permits, rules, regulations and resolutions, he shall assume full responsibility therefor and shall bear all costs attributable thereto.
- 4.8.6 The Contractor will be held responsible for locating all underground structures such as water, oil and gas mains, water and gas services, storm and sanitary sewers and telephone and electric conduits which may be encountered during the construction operation. The Contractor shall have Miss Utility locate all utilities on the site which are within the area of the work and shall dig test holes to determine the position of the underground structures. The Contractor shall pay the cost of digging test holes and likewise he shall pay the cost of the services of the representatives of the owners of such utilities for locating the said utilities. The cost of determining the location of any and all utilities is to be included in the bid price. The Owner shall pay the owners of such utilities for fees or charges for relocation of gas, electric, telephone, cable or other lines and/or services indicated to be relocated by others.
- 4.8.7 If utilities are marked which are not shown on the plans, the Contractor shall immediately notify the Owner and the A/E of such finding. The Owner and A/E shall provide a direction to the Contractor within a reasonable period of time if additional work is required as a result of the finding. If the Contractor believes that it requires additional Work, the Contractor shall follow the change process in Article 12 Changes and Modifications in the Work.

4.9 ALLOWANCES

- 4.9.1 The Special Conditions will contain provisions for allowances, if such is applicable to this Contract.

4.10 SUPERINTENDENT

- 4.10.1 The Contractor shall employ a competent Superintendent and any necessary assistants to ensure supervisory attendance at the Project site during the progress of the Work. The Superintendent shall have full authority to represent the Contractor and all communications given to the Superintendent shall be as binding as if given to the Contractor.
- 4.10.2 It is understood that such Superintendent shall be acceptable to the Owner and shall be one who will be continued in that capacity for duration of this project, unless he ceases to be on the Contractor's payroll. The Superintendent shall not be employed on any other project during the performance of this Contract.

4.11 CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

- 4.11.1 The Contractor shall within twenty (20) days after issuance of the Notice of Award, prepare and submit to the A/E and Owner for review, a reasonably practicable and feasible Construction Schedule (See Section 01315 of the Specifications) showing the method by which the Contractor will comply with Contract Milestone and Completion date requirements as set forth in the Owner-Contractor Agreement. The schedule shall show in detail how the Contractor plans to execute and coordinate the Work. The Contractor shall use this schedule in the planning, scheduling, direction, coordination and execution of the Work. The Construction Schedule shall encompass all of the work of all trades necessary for construction of the project and shall be sufficiently complete and comprehensive to enable progress to be monitored on a day-to-day basis. The Owner and A/E shall each be provided with a copy of all schedules, updates reports and other documentation required herein which shall be suitable for reproduction by the Owner.
- 4.11.2 It is the sole responsibility of the Contractor to prepare, maintain, update, revise and utilize the Construction Schedule as outlined in 4.11 Construction Schedule. The schedule shall be the sole overall Construction Schedule utilized by the Contractor in managing this project, provided, however, that Contractor may at its option employ and utilize other schedules based upon and consistent with the Construction Schedule. In general, it is the intent of this Paragraph to allow the Contractor to choose its own means, methods and construction procedures consistent with good practice and the Contract Documents.
- 4.11.3 If the Contractor should submit a schedule or express an intention to complete the Work earlier than any required Milestone or Completion date, the Owner shall not be liable to the Contractor for any costs or delay should the Contractor be unable to complete the Work before such earlier Milestone or Completion date. The duties, obligations and warranties of the Owner to the Contractor shall be consistent with and applicable only to the completion of the Work on the Milestone and completion dates required in the Owner-Contractor Agreement.
- 4.11.4 Submission to the Owner of the Construction Schedule is advisory only and shall not relieve the Contractor of the responsibility for accomplishing the Work within each and every required Milestone and Completion date. Omissions and errors in the approved Construction Schedule shall not excuse performance that is not in compliance with the Contract. Submission to the Owner in no way makes the Owner an insurer of the Construction Schedule's success or liable for time or cost overruns flowing

from its shortcomings. The Owner hereby disclaims any obligation or liability by reason of Owner approval or failure to object to the Construction Schedule.

- 4.11.5 Contractor shall consult with and obtain information from principal subcontractors necessary in preparation of the schedules, updates and revisions required herein. Contractor shall provide each principal subcontractor with copies of the Construction Schedule and any revisions or updates affecting a subcontractor's work. Contractor shall hold appropriate progress meetings with subcontractors and shall direct and coordinate the work of subcontractors consistent with and as required herein. Owner shall have the right to attend subcontractor progress meetings but shall not be required to participate in such meetings or provide information to subcontractors, except through the Contractor. Contractor shall keep up-to-date minutes of subcontractor progress meetings and shall provide same to Owner. The Contractor shall ensure that each subcontractor, sub-subcontractor or supplier acknowledges and accepts the requirements of the Construction Schedule relating to their part of the Work.
- 4.11.6 If Contractor's Construction Schedule indicates that Owner or a separate Contractor is to perform an activity by a specific date, or within a certain duration, Owner or any separate Contractor shall not be bound to said date or duration unless Owner expressly and specifically agrees in writing to same; the Owner's overall review of the schedule does not constitute an agreement to specific dates or durations for activities of the Owner or any separate contractor.
- 4.11.7 The Contractor's Superintendent shall maintain at the job site, a current Construction Schedule, indicating actual monthly progress for those portions of the project on which work has been or is being performed.
- 4.11.8 If an extension or contraction of any Milestone or Completion Date is authorized by any Change Order, the Contractor shall revise his Construction Schedule, Milestone and Completion Dates accordingly.
- 4.11.9 If, in the opinion of the Owner, the Construction Schedule does not accurately reflect the actual progress and sequence of the Contractor's performance of the Work, the Contractor shall revise the Construction Schedule, upon the Owner's request, and submit a revised Construction Schedule that accurately represents the progress and sequence of the Contractor's performance of the Work.
- 4.11.10 Contractor shall submit to the Owner the name of any scheduling consultant that Contractor may select or retain. Contractor shall not utilize any particular scheduling consultant over the reasonable objection of the

Owner to that consultant.

4.11.11 Contractor covenants and guarantees that Contractor will not:

- 4.11.11.1 Misrepresent to Owner its planning and scheduling of the Work;
- 4.11.11.2 Utilize schedules materially different from those made available to the Owner or any subcontractors for the direction, execution and coordination of the Work, or which are not feasible or realistic;
- 4.11.11.3 Prepare schedules, updates, revisions or reports which do not accurately reflect Contractor's actual intent or Contractor's reasonable and actual expectations as to:
 - a. The sequences of activities,
 - b. The duration of activities,
 - c. The responsibility for activities,
 - d. Resource availability,
 - e. Labor availability or efficiency,
 - f. Expected weather conditions,
 - g. The value associated with the activity,
 - h. The percentage complete of any activity,
 - i. Completion of any item of work or activity,
 - j. Project completion,
 - k. Delays, slippages, or problems encountered or expected,
 - l. Subcontractor requests for time extension, or delay claims of subcontractors, and
 - m. If applicable, the float time available.

4.11.12 Contractor's failure to substantially comply with the foregoing covenant and guarantee of Paragraph 4.11.11 shall be a substantial and material breach of contract which will permit Owner to terminate Contractor for default, or withhold payments under the Contract Documents, and shall entitle Owner to the damages afforded for misrepresentation or fraud by these Contract Documents or applicable law.

4.11.13 Should Contractor fail to substantially comply with the provisions of the Contract Documents relating to scheduling and execution of the Work

by the overall project schedule, Owner shall have the right, at its option, to retain the services of scheduling consultants or experts (including attorneys if necessary in the opinion of the Owner) to prepare schedules, reports, updates and revisions of the schedule in accordance with the Contract Documents and to review and analyze same, in order to allow Owner and A/E to evaluate the program of the Work by Contractor, to determine whether Contractor is substantially complying with the Contract Documents, and to direct such action of the part of the Contractor, as permitted by the Contract Documents, as required to ensure, under the Owner's schedule prepared hereunder, that Contractor will complete the Work within the Contract Time. All costs and expenses and fees incurred by Owner in preparing the schedule hereunder shall be charged to Contractor's account. If Contractor fails to substantially comply with the scheduling and execution of the work requirements of the Contract Documents, Contractor hereby agrees, in such instance, to comply with such Owner-prepared schedules, if any, or directions, and activity sequences and durations as Owner may reasonably require, without additional cost to the Owner (subject only to cost adjustments for such changes in the Work as Owner may direct), to ensure completion within the Contract Time.

4.11.14 The Construction Schedule shall be utilized by Owner, A/E and Contractor for submission, review and approval of monthly Payment Request. The schedule must be updated by Contractor monthly with each progress payment application and submitted to the Owner and A/E for review with the progress payment application. Owner shall not be required to process and review Contractor's Application for Payment if Contractor has failed or refused to provide the scheduling update information required herein.

4.11.15 The type of schedule to be utilized on this project, along with its particular elements, shall be as specified Section 01315 of the Specifications.

4.12 RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLETION

4.12.1 The Contractor shall furnish such manpower, materials, facilities and equipment and shall work such hours, including night shifts, overtime operations and Sundays and holidays, as may be necessary to ensure the performance of the Work within the Milestone and Completion dates specified in the Owner-Contractor Agreement. If the Owner notifies the Contractor that it has become apparent that the Work will not be Completed within required Milestone or Completion dates, the Contractor agrees that it will assume full responsibility to take some or all of the

following actions, at no additional cost to the Owner (except for circumstances beyond the Contractors' control), in order to ensure, in the opinion of the Owner, that the Contractor will comply with all Milestone and Completion date requirements:

- 4.12.1.1 Increase manpower, materials, crafts, equipment and facilities;
- 4.12.1.2 Increase the number of working hours per shift, shifts per working day, working days per week, or any combination of the foregoing; and
- 4.12.1.3 Reschedule activities to achieve maximum practical concurrency of accomplishment of activities.

Failure of the Owner to notify the Contractor of the apparent delay shall not relieve Contractor of the obligation to finish the project within the required Milestone or Completion date.

- 4.12.2 If the actions taken by the Contractor are not satisfactory, the Owner may direct the Contractor to take any and all actions necessary to ensure completion within the required Milestone and Completion dates, without additional cost to the Owner (except for circumstances beyond the Contractor's control). In such event, the Contractor shall continue to assume responsibility for his performance and for completion within the required dates.
- 4.12.3 If, in the opinion of the Owner, the actions taken by the Contractor pursuant to this Article or the progress or sequence of Work are not accurately reflected on the Construction Schedule, the Contractor shall revise such schedule to accurately reflect the actual progress and sequence of Work.
- 4.12.4 Failure of the Contractor to substantially comply with the requirements of this Article is grounds for a determination by the Owner, pursuant to Article 14 Termination of the Contract, that the Contractor is failing to prosecute the Work with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified.
- 4.12.5 The Owner may, at its sole discretion and for any reason, including when it is apparent to the A/E or Owner that the Work will be completed within the required Milestone or Completion dates, require the Contractor to accelerate the Schedule of Performance by providing overtime, Saturday, Sunday and/or holiday work and/or by having all or any subcontractors designated by the Owner provide overtime, Saturday, Sunday, and/or holiday work. In the event that the Owner requires overtime, Saturday,

Sunday or holiday work by the Contractor's or his subcontractor's own forces, and such requirement is not related in any way to the Contractor's apparent inability to comply with Milestone and Completion date requirements, the Owner shall reimburse the Contractor for the direct cost to the Contractor of the premium time for all labor utilized by the Contractor in such overtime, Saturday, Sunday or holiday work (but not for the straight time costs of such labor), together with any Social Security and State or Federal unemployment insurance taxes in connection with such premium time. However, no overhead supervision costs, commissions, profit or other costs and expenses shall be payable in connection therewith.

- 4.12.6 This provision does not eliminate the Contractor's responsibility to comply with the County noise ordinances, all VDOT permit requirements and all other applicable laws, regulations, rules, ordinances, resolutions, and permit requirements.

4.13 DOCUMENTS AND SAMPLES AT THE SITE

- 4.13.1 The Contractor shall, at the Owner's direction, maintain at the site for the Owner one record copy of all Drawings, Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders and other Modifications, in good order and marked currently to record all changes made during construction, and approved Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and Manuals. These shall be available to the A/E. These shall be delivered to the Owner upon completion of the Work.

4.14 SHOP DRAWINGS, PRODUCT DATA, SAMPLES AND MANUALS

- 4.14.1 SHOP DRAWINGS are drawings, diagrams, schedules and other data specially prepared for the Work by the Contractor or any subcontractor, manufacturer, supplier or distributor to illustrate some portion of the Work.
- 4.14.2 PRODUCT DATA are illustrations, standard schedules, performance charts, instructions, brochures, diagrams and other information furnished by the Contractor to illustrate a material, product or system for some portion of the Work.
- 4.14.3 SAMPLES are physical examples that illustrate materials, equipment or workmanship and establish standards by which the Work will be judged.
- 4.14.4 MANUALS are manufacturer's installation, start-up, operating, maintenance and repair instructions, together with parts lists, pictures, sketches and diagrams that set forth the manufacturer's requirements, for

the benefit of the Contractor and the Owner.

4.14.5 The Contractor shall review, approve and submit, with reasonable promptness and in such sequence as to cause no delay in the Work or in the Work of the Owner or any separate Contractor, all Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and Manuals required by the Contract Documents.

4.14.6 By approving and submitting Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples and Manuals, the Contractor represents that he has determined and verified all materials, field measurements, and field construction criteria related thereto, and that he has checked and coordinated the information contained within such submittals with the requirements of the Work and of the Contract Documents.

Parts and details not fully indicated on the Contract drawings shall be detailed by the Contractor in accordance with standard engineering practice. Dimensions on the Contract drawings, as well as detailed drawings themselves are subject in every case to measurements of existing, adjacent, incorporated and completed work, which shall be taken by the Contractor before undertaking any work dependent on such data.

4.14.7 The Contractor shall not be relieved of responsibility for any deviation from the requirements of the Contract Documents by the Owner or A/E's approval of Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or Manuals under Article 2 Architect/Engineer unless the Contractor has specifically informed the Owner and A/E in writing of such deviation at the time of submission and the Owner has given written approval to the specific deviation. The Contractor shall not be relieved from responsibility for errors or omissions in the Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or Manuals by the A/E's approval thereof.

4.14.8 The Contractor shall direct specific attention, in writing or on resubmitted Shop Drawings, Product Data or Samples, to revisions other than those requested by the Owner or A/E on previous submittals.

No portion of the Work requiring submission of Shop Drawings, Product Data, or Samples shall commence until the submittal has been approved by the Owner and A/E as provided in Article 2 Architect/Engineer. All such portions of the Work shall be in accordance with approved submittals.

4.14.9 For substances that are proposed for use in the project that may be hazardous to human health, the Contractor shall submit to the A/E, for information only, information on precautions for safely using these substances, including certification of registration by the Contractor with

authorities under the respective Virginia and Federal Toxic Substances Control Acts.

4.14.10 Unless otherwise modified by the Owner in writing, the Contractor shall label or stamp and number all Shop Drawings, Product Data, Samples or Manuals as prescribed in section 01300 of the Specifications.

4.14.11 The Contractor shall submit a copy of each submittal, including the transmittal sheet (for shop drawings, product data, samples or manuals) to the Owner simultaneously with the Contractor's submission of said drawings, data, samples or manual packages to the A/E.

4.15 EQUAL PRODUCTS:

4.15.1 The term "Product" as used herein refers to materials, equipment, supplies, articles, fixtures, devices, types of construction, or products, as appropriate.

4.15.2 All products furnished shall, whenever specified and otherwise wherever practicable, be the standard products of recognized, reputable manufacturers. If the manufacturer cannot make scheduled delivery of an approved item, the Contractor may request approval of the Owner to use another brand, make, manufacturer, article, device, product, material, fixture, form or type of construction which the Contractor judges to be equal to that specified. An item shall not be considered by the Owner for approval as equal to the item so named or described unless it (a) it is at least equal in quality, durability, appearance, strength, and design; (b) it will perform at least equally the specific function imposed by the general design for the work being contracted for or the material being purchased; and (c) it conforms substantially, even with deviations, to the detailed requirements for the item in the specifications. Approval shall be at the sole discretion of the Owner and will be based upon considerations of quality, workmanship, economy of operation, suitability for the purpose intended, and acceptability for use on the project. Any such approval must be in writing to be effective and the decision of the Owner shall be final.

4.15.3 To obtain such approval of equal products other than those specified in Contract Documents, and not previously approved during the bidding, the Contractor's request for approval of any equal product shall include the following:

4.15.3.1 Complete data substantiating compliance of the proposed equal product with the Contract Documents;

4.15.3.2 Accurate cost data on proposed equal product in

comparison with product or method specified;

- 4.15.3.3 Product identification including manufacturer's name, address, and phone number;
- 4.15.3.4 Manufacturer's literature showing complete product description, performance and test data, and all reference standards;
- 4.15.3.5 Samples and colors in the case of articles or products;
- 4.15.3.6 Name and address of similar projects on which the product was used and date of installation;
- 4.15.3.7 All directions, specifications, and recommendations by manufacturers for installation, handling, storing, adjustment, and operation.

4.15.4 The Contractor shall also submit with his request for approval a statement which shall include all of the following representations by the Contractor, namely that:

- 4.15.4.1 He has investigated the proposed equal product and determined that it is equal or better in all respects to that specified and that it fully complies with all requirements of the Contract Documents;
- 4.15.4.2 He will meet all Contract obligations with regard to this substitution;
- 4.15.4.3 He will coordinate installation of accepted equal products into the work, making all such changes and any required schedule adjustments, at no additional cost to the Owner, as may be required for the Work to be complete in all respects;
- 4.15.4.4 He waives all claims for additional costs and additional time related to equal products. He also agrees to hold the Owner harmless from claims for extra costs and time incurred by subcontractors and suppliers, or additional services which may have to be performed by the A/E, for changes or extra work that may, at some later date, be determined to be necessary in order for the Work to function in the manner intended in the Contract Documents;
- 4.15.4.5 He will provide the same warranty and guarantee, and perform any work required in accordance therewith, for the

equal product that is applicable to the specified item for which the equal product is requested;

- 4.15.4.6 Material will be installed, handled, stored, adjusted, tested, and operated in accordance with the manufacturers' recommendation and as specified in the Contract Documents;
- 4.15.4.7 In all cases new materials will be used unless this provision is waived by notice from the Owner or unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents;
- 4.15.4.8 All material and workmanship will be in every respect, in accordance with that which in the opinion of the Owner, is in conformity with approved modern practice; and
- 4.15.4.9 He has provided accurate cost data on the proposed equal product in comparison with the product or method specified, if applicable.

4.15.5 The Owner may require tests of all products proposed as equal products so submitted to establish quality standards, at the Contractor's expense. After approval of an equal product, if it is determined that the Contractor submitted defective information or data regarding the equal product upon which Owner's approval was based, and that unexpected or unanticipated redesign or rework of the project will be required in order to accommodate the equal product, or that the item will not perform or function as well as the specified item for which equal product was requested, the Contractor will be required to furnish the original specified item or request approval to use another equal product. The Contractor shall pay all costs, expenses or damages associated with or related to the unacceptability of such an equal product and the resultant utilization of another item and no time extension shall be granted for any delays associated with or related to such an equal product.

4.15.6. Equal products will not be considered for approval by the Owner if:

- 4.15.6.1 The proposed equal product is indicated or implied on the Contractor's shop drawing or product data submittals and has not been formally submitted for approval by the Contractor in accordance with the above-stated requirements; or
- 4.15.6.2 Acceptance of the proposed equal product will require substantial design revisions to the Contract Documents or is otherwise not acceptable to the Owner.

4.15.7 Except as otherwise provided for by the provisions of any applicable laws, the Contractor shall not have any right of appeal from the decision of the Owner disapproving any products submitted if the Contractor fails to obtain the approval for an equal product under this Article.

4.15.8 If the Contractor proposes a product which the Owner determines is not equal to the product named in Contract Documents but which the Owner nevertheless is willing to accept, Contractor shall provide upon request by the Owner an itemized comparison of the proposed substitution with the product specified and the cost differential which shall be credited to the Owner in a Change Order issued in accordance with Article 12 Changes and Modifications in the Work.

4.16 USE OF SITE

4.16.1 The Contractor shall confine his operations at the site to areas permitted by law, ordinances, permits, easements, right-of-way agreements and the Contract Documents. The Contractor shall not unreasonably encumber the site, in the opinion of the Owner, with any materials, equipment or trailers nor shall he block the entrances or otherwise prevent reasonable access to the site, other working and parking areas, completed portions of the Work and/or properties, storage areas, areas of other facilities that are adjacent to the worksite. If the Contractor fails or refuses to move said material, equipment or trailers within twenty-four (24) hours of notice by the Owner to so do, the Owner shall have the right, without further Notice, to remove, at the Contractor's expense, any material, equipment and/or trailers which the Owner deems are in violation of this paragraph.

4.17 CUTTING AND PATCHING OF WORK

4.17.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for all cutting, fitting or patching that may be required to complete the Work and to make its several parts fit properly and in accordance with the Contract Documents.

4.17.2 The Contractor shall not damage or endanger any portion of the Work or the work of the Owner or any separate contractors by cutting, patching or otherwise altering any work, or by excavation. The Contractor shall not cut or otherwise alter the work of the Owner or any separate contractor except with the written consent of the Owner and of such separate contractor. The Contractor shall not unreasonably withhold from the Owner or any separate contractor his consent to cutting or otherwise altering the Work. The Owner shall not be required to accept Work with a cut, splice, or patch when such cut, splice or patch is not generally accepted practice for the particular work involved or is otherwise unworkmanlike in the opinion of the Owner.

4.18 RIGHT TO PUBLISH

4.18.1 The Contractor agrees that he will not publish, cause to be published, or otherwise disseminate any information of whatever nature relating to the Work being performed under this Contract, except as may be approved by the Owner in writing.

4.19 SITE CLEAN UP

4.19.1 The Contractor at all times shall keep the Project site and adjacent areas free from accumulation of waste materials or rubbish caused by his operations. Before final payment is made, the Contractor shall remove all of his waste materials, rubbish, scrap materials, debris, tools, construction equipment, machinery, surplus materials, false work, temporary structures, including foundations thereof and plant of any description, from the Project site and put the site in a neat, orderly condition.

4.19.2 If the Contractor fails to clean up as required herein at any time during the performance of the Work or at the completion of the Work, the Owner may, upon twenty-four (24) hours notification, clean up the site at the Contractor's expense.

4.20 PATENTS, ROYALTIES, ETC.

4.20.1 The Contractor guarantees to save harmless the Owner, its officers, agents, servants and employees from liability of any kind or nature, including cost, expense and attorney's fees on account of suits and claims of any kind for violation or infringement of any patents or patent rights by the Contractor, or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by him, or by reason of the use of any art, process, method, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter patented or unpatented in the performance of this Contract in violation or infringement of any letter or rights. The Contractor agrees to pay all royalties, fees, licenses, etc., required in respect of the work or any part thereof as part of his obligations hereunder without any additional compensation.

4.21 INDEMNIFICATION

4.21.1 It is hereby mutually covenanted and agreed that the relation of the Contractor to the work to be performed by him under this Contract shall be that of an independent contractor and that as such he will be responsible for all damages, loss or injury, including death, to persons or property that may arise or be incurred in or during the conduct and progress of said work as the result of any action, omission or operation under the Contract or in connection with the Work, whether such action, omission or operation is attributable to the Contractor, subcontractor, any material

supplier, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them. The Contractor shall make good any damages that may occur in consequence of the Work or any part of it. The Contractor shall assume all liability, loss and responsibility of whatsoever nature by reason of his neglect or violation of any Federal, State, County or local laws, regulations or ordinances.

4.21.2 The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Owner, its employees, agents, servants and representatives from and against any and all claims, suits, demands, actions (regardless of the merits thereof) and damages of whatever nature arising out of or resulting from the performance of the Work or the failure to perform the Work, including jurisdictional labor disputes or other labor troubles that may occur during the performance of the Work.

4.21.3 The indemnification obligations under this Article shall not be affected in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Contractor or any subcontractor under worker's or workman's compensation acts, disability benefit acts or other employee benefit acts.

4.21.4 The obligations of the Contractor under this Article 4.21 shall not extend to the actions or omissions of the A/E, his agents or employees, arising out of; (a) the preparation or approval of maps, drawings, opinions, reports, surveys, change orders, designs or specifications, or (b) the giving of or the failure to give directions or instructions by the A/E, his agents or employees provided such giving or failure to give is the primary cause of the injury or damage.

4.21.5 The obligations of the Contractor under this Article 4.21 shall not extend to the proportion of damages, loss or injury, including death, to persons or property that may arise or be incurred as the result of any action, omission or operation of the Owner, or Owner's Separate Contractor(s), and their employees, agents, servants, and/or representatives.

4.21.6 This section shall survive the Contract.

4.21.7 The County is prohibited from indemnifying Contractor and/or any other third parties.

4.22 NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT

4.22.1 During the performance of this Contract, the Contractor agrees as follows:

- 4.22.1.1 The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, age, disability, or status as a disabled veteran, or any other basis prohibited by state law relating to discrimination in employment, except where there is a bona fide occupational qualification reasonably necessary to the normal operation of the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices setting forth the provisions of this nondiscrimination clause;
- 4.22.1.2 The Contractor, in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the Contractor, will state that such Contractor is an equal opportunity employer;
- 4.22.1.3 Notices, advertisements and solicitations placed in accordance with Federal Law, rule or regulation, shall be deemed sufficient for the purpose of meeting the requirements of this provision; and
- 4.22.1.4 The Contractor will include the provisions of paragraphs .1, .2 and .3 above in every subcontract or purchase order of over \$10,000 so that the provisions will be binding upon every subcontractor or vendor.

4.23 CONTRACT SECURITY

- 4.23.1 The Contractor shall deliver to the Owner, within ten (10) working days from Notice of Award, two (2) originals of a Performance Bond and a separate Labor and Material Payment Bond in a form acceptable to the Owner and each in an amount required by the Contract Documents as security for the faithful performance of the Contract, and the payment of all persons performing labor and furnishing materials in connection with this Contract. The County will not issue Notice to Proceed until the bonds are received. The amount of the Performance and Payment Bonds shall be increased to the same extent the Contract Sum is increased due to modifications. The form of bonds shall be acceptable to the Owner and the surety shall be such surety company or companies as are acceptable to the Owner and as are authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The cost of such bonds shall be included in the Contractor's proposal amount.
- 4.23.2 The Contractor shall require that all sureties providing bonds for the Project will give written Notice to the Owner, at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiration or termination of the bond(s).

4.23.3 If, at any time, any surety or sureties becomes insolvent or is determined by the Owner to be unable to adequately secure the interest of the Owner, the Contractor shall within (30) days after Notice from the Owner to do so, substitute an acceptable bond(s) in such form and sum and signed by such other sureties as may be satisfactory to the Owner. The premiums on such bond(s) shall be paid by the Contractor.

ARTICLE 5: SUBCONTRACTORS

5.1 DEFINITIONS

5.1.1 A subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct contract with the Contractor to perform or supply any of the Work at the site. The term subcontractor is referred to throughout the Contract Documents as if singular in number and masculine in gender and means a subcontractor or his authorized representative. The term subcontractor does not include any separate contractor or his subcontractors.

5.1.2 A sub-subcontractor is a person or entity who has a direct or indirect contract with a subcontractor to perform or supply any of the Work at the site. The term sub-subcontractor is referred to throughout the Contractor Documents as if singular in number and masculine in gender and means a sub-subcontractor or an authorized representative thereof.

5.1.3 The A/E will not deal directly with any subcontractor or sub-subcontractor or materials supplier. Subcontractor, sub-subcontractors or material suppliers shall route requests for information or clarification through the Contractor to the A/E, with a copy to the Owner.

5.2 AWARD OF SUBCONTRACT AND OTHER CONTRACTS FOR PORTIONS OF THE WORK

5.2.1 The Contractor shall submit to the Owner with a copy to the A/E prior to the award of any subcontract for work under this Contract and thirty (30) calendar days after the award of this Contract, the names of the suppliers of principal items, systems, materials, and equipment proposed for the Work; the names and addresses, business and emergency phones of the subcontractors which he proposes to employ under this Contract, as well as such other information as may be requested by the Owner. The Owner will review each subcontractor and supplier based upon his apparent financial soundness and responsibility, his known or reported performance on previous similar work, and his available plant, equipment and personnel to perform the Work. The Contractor shall not employ a subcontractor or supplier to whom the Owner reasonably objects. The

Owner's objection to a proposed subcontractor or supplier shall not affect the Contract price.

- 5.2.2 The Contractor shall make no substitutions for any subcontractor, person or entity previously selected unless first submitted to the County for review.

5.3 SUBCONTRACTUAL RELATIONS

- 5.3.1 By an appropriate written agreement, the Contractor shall require each subcontractor, to the extent of the Work to be performed by the subcontractor, to be bound to the Contractor by the terms of the Contract Documents, and to assume toward the Contractor all the obligations and responsibilities which the Contractor, by these Documents assumes toward the Owner and the A/E. Said agreement shall preserve and protect the rights of the Owner and the A/E under the Contract Documents with respect to the Work to be performed by the subcontractor so that the subcontracting thereof will not prejudice such rights, and shall allow to the subcontractor, unless specifically provided otherwise in the Contractor-subcontractor agreement, the benefit of all rights, remedies and redress against the Contractor that the Contractor, by these Documents, has against the Owner. Where appropriate, the Contractor shall require each subcontractor to enter into similar agreements with his sub-subcontractor's. The Contractor shall make available to each proposed subcontractor, prior to the execution of the subcontract, copies of all of the Contract Documents, and identify to the subcontractor any terms and conditions of the proposed subcontract which may be at variance with the Contract Documents. Each subcontractor shall similarly make copies of such Documents available to his sub-subcontractor's. Each subcontract agreement shall insure that all appropriate provisions of the Contract Documents are complied with by the subcontractor.
- 5.3.2 The provisions herein regarding the County's reasonable objection to any subcontractor shall in no way affect the liability of the Contractor to Owner regarding performance of all obligations by or payment of subcontractors. The County's failure to object to any given subcontractor shall not relieve the Contractor of his obligation to perform or have performed to the full satisfaction of the Owner all of the work required by this Contract.
- 5.3.3 Neither this Article nor any other provision of the Contract documents shall be deemed to make the Owner a joint venturer or partner with the Contractor or to place the subcontractor and materialmen in privity of Contract with the Owner.

5.4 QUALIFICATION SUBMITTALS

- 5.4.1 Specific qualification submittals may be required of subcontractors, installers and suppliers for certain critical items of the Work. Required qualification submittals are set forth in detail in the Technical Specifications and shall be collected and submitted by the Contractor to the A/E with copies to the Owner. All information required of a single subcontractor, installer or supplier shall be contained in a single, complete submittal. The Contractor shall submit the required qualification information within ten (10) days after receipt of the Owner's request.
- 5.4.2 The Owner shall reject any proposed subcontractor, installer or supplier, or any qualification submittals related thereto, for the following reasons:
- 5.4.2.1 The Contractor's failure to submit requested information within the specified time; or
 - 5.4.2.2 The Contractor's failure to provide all of the requested information; or
 - 5.4.2.3 The Contractor's submission of a subcontractor, installer or supplier, or qualifications thereof, which are unacceptable in the judgment of the Owner.
- 5.4.3 Should the Owner have reasonable objection to any proposed subcontractor, installer or supplier, the Contractor shall submit another firm for approval by the Owner at no additional cost to the Owner.

ARTICLE 6: WORK BY OWNER OR BY SEPARATE CONTRACTORS

6.1 OWNER'S RIGHT TO PERFORM WORK AND TO AWARD SEPARATE CONTRACTS

- 6.1.1 The Owner reserves the right to perform work related to the Project with his own forces, and to award separate contracts in connection with other portions of the Project or other work on the site.
- 6.1.2 When separate contracts are awarded for different portions of the Project or other work on the site, the term Contractor in the Contract Documents in each case shall mean the Contractor who executes each separate Owner-Contractor Agreement.

6.2 MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY

- 6.2.1 The Contractor shall afford other contractors and the Owner reasonable opportunity for the introduction and storage of their materials and

equipment and the execution of their work and shall properly connect and coordinate the Work with such other work. The Contractor shall coordinate his Work with the Owners and other contractors to store his apparatus, materials, supplies and equipment in such orderly fashion at the site of the Work as will not unduly interfere with the progress of the Work or the work of any other contractors.

6.2.1.1 If the execution or result of any part of the Work depends upon any work of the Owner or of any separate contractor, the Contractor shall, prior to proceeding with the Work, inspect and promptly report to the Owner in writing any apparent discrepancies or defects in such work of the Owner or of any separate contractor that render it unsuitable for the proper execution or result of any part of the Work.

6.2.1.2 Failure of the Contractor to so inspect and report shall constitute an acceptance of the Owner's or separate contractor's work as fit and proper to receive the Work, except as to defects which may develop in the Owner's or separate contractor's work after completion of the Work and which the Contractor could not have discovered by its inspection prior to completion of the Work.

6.2.2 Should the Contractor cause damage to the work or property of the Owner or of any separate contractor on the Project, or to other work on the Site, or delay or interfere with the Owner's work on ongoing operations or facilities or adjacent facilities or said separate contractor's work, the Contractor shall be liable for the same; and, in the case of another contractor, the Contractor shall attempt to settle said claim with such other contractor prior to such other contractor's institution of litigation or other proceedings against the Contractor.

If such separate contractor sues the Owner on account of any damage, delay or interference caused or alleged to have been so caused by the Contractor, the Owner shall notify the Contractor, who shall defend the Owner in such proceedings at the Contractor's expense. If any judgment or award is entered against the Owner, the Contractor shall satisfy the same and shall reimburse the Owner for all damages, expenses, and other costs that the Owner incurs as a result thereof.

6.2.3 Should Contractor have a dispute with a separate contractor with whom the Owner has contracted regarding damage to the Work or the property of Contractor or to the Work or property of said separate contractor or with regard to any delays or interferences which either Contractor or said separate contractor has caused to the performance of the other's Work, Contractor agrees to attempt to settle such dispute directly with said

separate contractor. Contractor agrees that it will not seek to recover from the Owner any damages, costs, expenses (including, but not limited to, attorney's fees) or losses of profit incurred by the Contractor as a result of any damage to the Work or property of the Contractor or for any delay or interference caused or allegedly caused by any separate contractor.

6.3 OWNER'S RIGHT TO CLEAN UP

6.3.1 If a dispute arises between the Contractor and separate contractors as to their responsibility for cleaning up as required by Article 4 Contractor, the Owner may clean up and charge the cost thereof to the Contractor responsible therefore as the Owner shall determine to be just.

ARTICLE 7: MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

7.1 APPLICABLE LAWS/FORUM

This Contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Any judicial action shall be filed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Loudoun. Contractor expressly waives any objection to venue or jurisdiction of the Loudoun County Circuit Court, Loudoun County, Virginia. Contractor expressly consents to waiver of service of process in an action pending in the Loudoun County Circuit Court pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-286.1.

7.2 PROVISIONS REQUIRED BY LAW DEEMED INSERTED

Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this Contract shall be deemed to be inserted herein and the Contract shall be read and enforced as though it were included herein and if through mistake or otherwise, any such provision is not inserted or is not correctly inserted, then upon the application of either party, the Contract shall forthwith be physically amended to make such insertion.

7.3 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

The Owner and the Contractor each binds himself, his partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives to the other party hereto and to the partners, successors, assigns and legal representatives of such other party in respect to all covenants, agreements and obligations contained in the Contract Documents. Neither party to the Contract shall assign the Contract or sublet it as a whole without the written consent of the other, nor shall the Contractor assign any monies due or to become due to him hereunder, without the previous written consent of the Owner and the Contractor's Surety.

In the event the Contractor desires to make an assignment of all or part of the Contract or any monies due or to become due hereunder, the Contractor shall file a copy of consent of surety, together with a copy of the assignment to the Owner and A/E. In the event the Contractor assigns all or any part of the monies due or to become due under this Contract, the instrument of assignment shall state that the right of assignees in and to any monies due to or to become due to Contractor shall be subject to prior liens and claims of all persons, firms and corporations that provided labor services or furnished material and equipment during the performance of the Work. The rights of assignees shall further be subject to the payment of any liens, claims, or amounts due to Federal, State, or Local governments.

7.4 RIGHTS AND REMEDIES

7.4.1 The duties and obligations imposed by the Contract Documents and the rights and remedies available thereunder shall be in addition to and not a limitation of any duties, obligations, rights and remedies otherwise imposed or available by law, not inconsistent with the Contract Documents. No time limitations described in this Contract shall be construed to alter the applicable statutory period of limitations with regard to the enforcement of the obligations of the parties.

7.4.2 No action or failure to act by the Owner, A/E or Contractor shall constitute a waiver of any right or duty afforded any of them under the Contract, nor shall any such action or failure to act constitute an approval of or acquiescence in any breach thereunder, except as may be specifically agreed in writing.

7.4.3 Contractor agrees that he can be adequately compensated by money damages for any breach of this Contract which may be committed by the Owner and hereby agrees that, no default, act, or omission of the Owner or the Architect, except for failure to make payments as required by the Contract Documents, shall constitute a material breach of the Contract entitling Contractor to cancel or rescind the provisions of this Contract or (unless the Owner shall so consent or direct in writing) to suspend or abandon performance of all or any part of the Work. Contractor hereby waives any and all rights and remedies to which he might otherwise be or become entitled, saving only its right to money damages.

7.5 SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provision of this Contract shall be adjudged or decreed to be invalid, such ruling shall not invalidate the entire agreement but shall pertain only to the provision in question and the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid, binding, and in full force and effect.

7.6 TESTS

- 7.6.1 If the Contract Documents, laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, permits, resolutions or orders of any public authority having jurisdiction require any portion of the Work to be inspected, tested or approved, the Contractor shall give the Owner at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of its readiness so that the Owner or the A/E or other representatives of the Owner may observe such inspection, testing or approval. The Contractor shall bear all costs of such inspections, tests or approvals conducted by public authorities. Site inspections, tests conducted on site or tests of materials gathered on site, which the Contract requires to be performed by independent testing entities, shall be contracted and paid for by the Owner. Examples include, but are not limited to, the testing of cast-in-place concrete, foundation materials, soil compaction, pile installations, caisson bearings, and steel framing connections.
- 7.6.2 All materials and workmanship (if not otherwise designated by the specifications) shall be subject to inspection, examination or test by the Owner, A/E, and other representatives of the Owner, at any and all times during the manufacture and/or construction and at any and all places where such manufacture and/or construction are carried on. Special, full-sized and performance tests shall be as described in the specifications. Without additional charge, the Contractor shall furnish promptly all reasonable facilities, labor and materials necessary to make tests safe and convenient.
- 7.6.3 The selection of bureaus, laboratories and/or agencies for the inspection and tests of supplies, materials or equipment shall be subject to the approval of the Owner. Satisfactory documentary evidence, including but not limited to certificates of inspection and certified test reports, that the material has passed the required inspection and tests must be furnished to the Owner, with a copy to the A/E, by the Contractor prior to the incorporation of the materials in the Work or at such times as to allow for appropriate action by the Owner.
- 7.6.4 Inspection or testing performed exclusively for the Contractor's convenience shall be the sole responsibility of the Contractor. Tests required by Contractor's or subcontractor's error, omission or non-compliance with the Contract Documents, shall be paid for by the Contractor.
- 7.6.5 It is specifically understood and agreed that an inspection and approval of the materials by the Owner shall not in any way subject the Owner to pay for the said materials or any portion thereof, even though incorporated in the Work, if said materials shall in fact turn out to be unfit to be used in the Work, nor shall such inspection be considered as any waiver of

objection to the Work on account of the unsoundness or imperfection of the material used.

ARTICLE 8: CONTRACT TIME

8.1 DEFINITION

8.1.1 Unless otherwise provided, the Contract Time is the period of time specified in the Owner-Contractor Agreement for Substantial Completion of the Work as defined herein, including authorized adjustments thereto. The Contractor shall complete his Work within the Contract Time.

8.1.2 The date of commencement of the Work is the date established in the Notice of Award.

The Contractor shall not commence work or store materials or equipment on site until written Notice to Proceed is issued or until the Contractor otherwise receives the Owner's written consent. The Contractor shall commence work no later than ten (10) days after the date established in the Notice to Proceed.

8.1.3 The date of Substantial Completion of the Work or designated portion thereof is the date determined by Owner when: (a) construction is sufficiently complete, in accordance with the Contract Documents, so the Owner can occupy or utilize the Work or designated portion thereof for the use for which it is intended; and (b) the Contractor has satisfied all other requirements for Substantial Completion which may be set forth in the Contract Documents.

8.1.4 The date of Final Completion of the Work is the date determined by the Owner when the Work is totally complete, to include punch list work, in accordance with the Contract Documents and the Owner may fully occupy and utilize the Work for the use for which it is intended.

8.1.5 The term "day" as used in the Contract Documents shall mean calendar days unless otherwise specifically designated.

8.2 PROGRESS AND COMPLETION

8.2.1 All time limits stated in the Contract Documents are of the essence of the Contract.

8.2.2 The Contractor shall begin the Work on the date of commencement as defined herein. He shall carry the Work forward expeditiously with adequate forces and shall achieve Substantial and Final Completion as

required by the Contract Documents.

8.3 CLAIMS FOR TIME EXTENSIONS

- 8.3.1 The time during which the Contractor is delayed in the performance of the Work by the acts or omissions of the Owner, the A/E or their employees or agents, acts of God, unusually severe and abnormal climatic conditions, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes (not to exceed the actual duration of the strike), riots, civil commotion or freight embargoes, or other conditions beyond the Contractor's control and which the Contractor could not reasonably have foreseen and provided against, shall be added to the time for completion of the Work (i.e., the Contract Time) stated in the Agreement; however, no claim by the Contractor for an extension of time for delays will be considered unless made in compliance with the requirements of this Article and other provisions of the Contract Documents.
- 8.3.2 The Owner shall not be obligated or liable to the Contractor for, and the Contractor hereby expressly waives any claims against the Owner on account of any indirect or direct damages, costs or expenses of any nature which the Contractor, its subcontractors, or sub-subcontractor's or any other person may incur as a result of (a) any delays, reasonable or unreasonable, foreseeable or unforeseeable which are either not caused by the acts or omissions of the Owner, its agents or employees or which arise from or out of (or due to) causes not within the control of the Owner, its agents or employees, or (b) any reasonable delay regardless of its cause, it being understood and agreed that the Contractor's sole and exclusive remedy in any such events shall be an extension of the Contract Time, but only as determined in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents.
- 8.3.3 The burden of proof to substantiate a claim for an extension of the Contract Time shall rest with the Contractor, including evidence that the cause was beyond his control. It shall be deemed that the Contractor has control over the supply of labor, materials, equipment, methods and techniques of construction and over the subcontractors and suppliers, unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents.
- 8.3.4 In the event of Changes in the Work, the Contractor must identify any additional time required in the Proposed Change Order. The Owner need not consider any time extensions for Changes in the Work not included in the Proposed Change Order.
- 8.3.5 No time extensions will be granted as a result of the Contractor's improper or unreasonable scheduling or for the Contractor's failure to have Shop

Drawings, Product Data, Samples or Manuals submitted in ample time for review under a reasonable and agreed upon schedule.

- 8.3.6 Delays by subcontractors or suppliers will not be considered justification for a time extension, except for the same valid reasons and conditions enumerated herein.
- 8.3.7 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that actual delays due to changes, suspension of work or excusable delays, in activities which according to the schedule do not affect the Contract Time will not be considered to have any effect upon the Contract Time and therefore will not be the basis for a time extension.
- 8.3.8 The Contractor acknowledges and agrees that time extensions will be granted only to the extent that: (a) excusable delays exceed the available flexibility in the Contractor's schedule; and (b) Contractor can demonstrate that such excusable delay actually caused, or will cause, delay to the Contractor's schedule that will extend the Contract Time.
- 8.3.9 With respect to Suspensions of Work under Paragraph 3.6 Suspension of Work herein, the Contractor may be entitled to an extension of the Contract Time not to exceed the length of time that the Work was suspended (unless as determined under this Article and the other requirements of the Contract Documents that a further extension is justified and warranted) if the claim is submitted in accordance with the requirements of this Article, and if the suspension is not due to any act or omission of the Contractor, any subcontractor or sub-subcontractor or any other person or organization for whose acts or omission the Contractor may be liable. The Contractor's claim will be evaluated in accordance with the terms of this Article.
- 8.3.10 The Contractor shall not be entitled to any extension of time for delays resulting from any conditions or other causes unless it shall have given written Notice to the Owner, within seven (7) calendar days following the commencement of each such condition or cause, describing the occurrence, the activities impacted and the probable duration of the delay. The Contractor's complete claim submittal for a time extension shall be submitted no later than twenty (20) calendar days after cessation of the delay or within such other longer period as the Owner may agree in writing to allow.
- 8.3.11 No such extension of time shall be deemed a waiver by the Owner of his right to terminate the Contract for abandonment or delay by the Contractor as herein provided or to relieve the Contractor from full responsibility for performance of his obligations hereunder.

8.4 CHANGE ORDER WORK

8.4.1 The Contractor shall make every reasonable effort to perform Change Order work within the Contract Time and in such manner as to have minimum delaying effects on all remaining work to be performed under the Contract. If, however, the Change Order work results in an unavoidable increase in the time required to complete the project, an extension of the Contract Time may be granted to the Contractor for the Change Order work. The Contractor's request therefor shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 8.3 Claims for Time Extensions herein and as follows:

8.4.1.1 If the time required for performance of the Change Order work has an unavoidable direct delaying effect on the primary sequence of work activities remaining after rescheduling (e.g., the critical path in CPM type scheduling), the overall Contract time may be extended by the minimum number of days required for the Change Order work as mutually agreed upon by the Owner and the Contractor;

8.4.1.2 If the time required for performance of the Change Order work does not have an unavoidable direct delaying effect on the primary sequence of work activities but is ordered by the Owner at a time such that insufficient Contract Time remains for completion of the Change Order work (and any limited number of contingent work activities), the Contract Time may be extended by the minimum number of days required for the Change Order work as mutually agreed upon by the Owner and the Contractor but only for the Change Order work and contingent activities, all other unaffected work shall be performed within the Contract Time;

8.4.1.3 Failure of the Owner and the Contractor to agree on a Contract Time extension as specified in .1 and .2 above shall not relieve the Contractor from proceeding with and performing the Change Order work promptly, as well as in such manner as to have minimal delaying effects on all remaining work to be performed under the Contract. Such disagreement shall be resolved as soon as practical by negotiation.

8.5 LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR DELAY

8.5.1 The damages incurred by the Owner due to the Contractor's failure to complete the Work within required Milestone dates and the Contract Time, including any extensions thereof, shall be in the amount set forth in

the Owner-Contractor Agreement, for each consecutive day beyond the Milestone dates or the Contract Time (Sundays and all holidays included) for which the Contractor shall fail to complete the Work.

- 8.5.2 The amount of liquidated damages provided in this Contract is neither a penalty nor a forfeiture and shall compensate the Owner solely for the Owner's inability to use the Work for its fully intended purpose, and is not intended to, nor does said amount include: (a) any damages, additional or extended costs, incurred by the Owner for extended administration of this Contract, or by the Owner's agents, consultants or independent contractors for extended administration of this Contract, or (b) any additional services, relating to or arising as a result of the delay in the completion of the Work. Owner shall be entitled to claim against Contractor for its actual damages and any amounts not specifically included within the liquidated damages as set forth herein. Such costs shall be computed separately and together with liquidated damages, either deducted from the Contract Sum or billed to the Contractor, at the option of the Owner.

8.6 TIME EXTENSIONS FOR WEATHER

- 8.6.1 The Contract Time will not be extended due to inclement weather conditions that are normal to the general locality of Work site. The time for performance of this Contract includes an allowance for workdays (based on a five (5) day workweek) which, according to historical data, may not be suitable for construction work.

- 8.6.1.1 The following is the schedule of monthly anticipated normal inclement weather workdays for the project location and will constitute the base line for monthly weather time extension evaluations.

ANTICIPATED NORMAL INCLEMENT WEATHER WORK-DAYS INCLUDED IN THE CONTRACT TIME OF PERFORMANCE											
JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
7	7	7	7	9	7	7	7	6	6	6	7

- 8.6.2 The Contractor, in his planning and scheduling of the Work as required by the Contract Documents, shall allow for the normal inclement weather for the locality of the Work site. If the Contractor believes that the Progress of the Work has been adversely affected and that it will directly result in a failure to meet a Contract Milestone date or Completion within the Contract Time, by weather conditions above and beyond the amount

normally expected, he shall submit a written request to the Owner with a copy to the A/E for an Extension of Time, pursuant to Paragraph 8.3 Claims for Time Extensions.

- 8.6.3 Such request shall be evaluated by the Owner in accordance with the provisions of the Contract Documents and shall include a comparison of actual weather statistics compiled by the Department of General Services, Loudoun County, for the time of year, locality of the particular Work site with the days claimed by the Contractor and the anticipated normal inclement weather as stated in subparagraph 8.6.1. The normal inclement weather expected has been included in the designated Contract time for completion. The decision of the Owner shall be final.
- 8.6.4 The Contractor shall not be entitled to any money damages whatsoever for any delays resulting from inclement weather, whether normal or abnormal, foreseeable or unforeseeable. The Contractor and Owner stipulate and agree that for delays due to weather as determined in 8.6.3, the Contractor's sole relief is a time extension granted in accordance with this Article 8.6 Time Extensions for Weather.

ARTICLE 9: PAYMENTS AND COMPLETION

9.1 CONTRACT SUM

- 9.1.1 The Contract Sum is stated in the Owner-Contractor Agreement and, including authorized adjustments thereto, is the total amount payable by the Owner to the Contractor for the performance of the Work under the Contract Documents. The Contract Sum includes, but is not limited to, the Contractor's profit and general overhead and all costs and expenses of any nature whatsoever (including without limitation taxes, labor and materials), foreseen or unforeseen, and any increases in said costs and expenses, foreseen or unforeseen, incurred by the Contractor in connection with the performance of the Work, all of which costs and expenses shall be borne solely by the Contractor. The Contractor agrees to assume all increases in costs of any nature whatsoever that may develop during the performance of the Work.

9.2 SCHEDULE OF VALUES

- 9.2.1 For Lump Sum Price Type Contracts, before the pre-construction meeting, the Contractor shall submit to the Owner and A/E, a schedule of values allocated to the various portions of the Work, prepared on payment forms provided by the Owner and supported by such data to substantiate its accuracy as the Owner may require. This schedule of values, unless

rejected by the Owner, shall be used as a basis for the Contractor's Applications for Payment.

9.2.2 For Unit Price type Contracts, the Contractor shall utilize the payment request form provided by the Owner, wherein the schedule of values shall correspond with the individual unit price bid items. When so requested by the Owner, the Contractor shall provide a more detailed cost breakdown of the unit price items.

9.2.3 Contractor may include in his schedule of values a line item for "mobilization" which shall include a reasonable amount for mobilization for the Contractor and his subcontractors. The Contractor shall not front-end load his schedule of values.

9.3 APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT

9.3.1 The Contractor shall submit to the A/E three (3) originally executed, itemized Application for Payment (and one (1) copy to the Owner) on or about the day of each month designated in Article 4 of the Owner-Contractor Agreement. The Application for Payment shall be notarized, indicate in complete detail all labor and material incorporated in the Work during the month prior to submission, and supported by such data substantiating the Contractor's payment request as the Owner may require. The Application for Payment shall also contain Contractor's certification that due and payable amounts and bills have been paid by the Contractor for work for which previous Certificates of Payment were issued and payments received from the Owner.

9.3.2 Payment may be made for the value of materials, which are to be incorporated into the finished Work, and which are delivered to and suitably stored and protected on the Work site. The Contractor shall provide releases or paid invoices from the Seller to establish, to the Owner's satisfaction, that the Owner has title to said material. Stored materials shall be in addition to the Work completed and shall be subject to the same retainage provisions as the completed Work. Material once paid for by the Owner becomes the property of the Owner and may not be removed from the Work site without the Owner's written permission.

9.3.3 The requirements for the payment of materials stored on-site shall remain unchanged. The requirements for payment for materials stored off-site shall include, but is not limited to, those specified in Paragraph 9.3.2 and the additional requirements hereinafter specified. Material stored off-site under this provision shall be included in the definition of Work, Article 1 Contract Documents.

9.3.3.1. The requirements of Paragraph 10.2 Safety of Persons and

Property are fully applicable to materials stored off-site.

- 9.3.3.2 For purposes of administering this provision, the following definitions are provided.
- a. Material stored NEAR the Work Site: A storage location shall be considered near the work site if it is not more than fifty (50) miles (approximately a one-hours drive) from the Work Site.
 - b. Material stored DISTANT from the Work Site: Locations beyond the limit of fifty (50) miles shall be considered distant.
- 9.3.3.3 All proposed off-site locations, regardless of whether they are near or distant, shall be approved by the Owner prior to any payment under this Article. The approval process will include an inspection of the proposed storage site, which may or may not coincide with any inspection of materials stored.
- 9.3.3.4 Prior to payment for any material stored off-site, said material shall be inspected to verify that it is properly stored; i.e., segregated, inventoried, identified as the property of the Owner and Contractor and duly protected as required in Article 10.2 Safety of Persons and Property. This material shall be clearly identified and physically segregated from any other material or stock, in such a manner that it is clear, from casual observation, that said material is not a part of any other stock or stored material.
- 9.3.3.5 For materials stored distant to the Work site, the Contractor shall reimburse the Owner for all reasonable costs incurred by the Owner, to include but not limited to salary, transportation, lodging and per diem, for the Owner's or the A/E's employees to travel to and from the storage locations for the purpose of verifying the material is properly stored. It is anticipated that such trips would occur whenever additional material is claimed for payment and/or at least every six (6) months until the material is delivered to the work site.
- 9.3.3.6 Except for unusual circumstances, the Contractor will not be required to reimburse the Owner's costs for visits to storage locations near the work site.

- 9.3.3.7 The Contractor shall hold the Owner harmless from any and all losses, additional costs, direct or indirect damages and/or delays, whatsoever, which may occur as a result of a failure of the Contractor to deliver (or have delivered), in a timely manner, materials (for which payment has been made) to the work site for installation and incorporation into the Work.
- 9.3.3.8 The Contractor shall provide to the Owner, a Release of Lien or other suitable certification by the Seller, in addition to paid invoices, verifying that the Contractor has valid title to all materials for which payment is requested. The Seller, however, shall not be required to waive his rights for recovery, if his Contract is breached.
- 9.3.4 The Contractor warrants that title to all Work, materials and equipment covered by an Application for Payment will pass to the Owner either by incorporation in the construction or upon the receipt of payment by the Contractor, whichever occurs first, free and clear of all liens, claims, security interests or encumbrances, hereinafter referred to as "liens". The Contractor further warrants that no Work, materials or equipment covered by an Application for Payment will have been acquired by the Contractor or by any other person performing Work at the site or furnishing materials and equipment for the Project that is subject to an agreement under which an interest therein or an encumbrance thereon is retained by the seller or otherwise imposed by the Contractor or such other person.
- 9.3.5 The Contractor's Application for Payment shall provide that the payment request attests that all Work for which the request is made has been completed in full according to the drawings, specifications and other terms of the Contract Documents. By submitting his Application for Payment, the Contractor also represents that he has no knowledge that any subcontractor or suppliers have not been fully and timely paid and that, insofar as he knows, the only outstanding items for payment with respect to the Contract are those to be paid from the funds for which Application is being made.

9.4 CERTIFICATES FOR PAYMENT

- 9.4.1 The A/E will, within seven (7) calendar days after the receipt of the Contractor's Application for Payment, recommend a Certificate for Payment to the Owner, for such amount as the A/E determines is properly due, with his reasons for withholding or adjusting a Certificate as provided in Paragraph 9.6 Payments Withheld, if any.
- 9.4.2 After the Certificate for Payment is recommended by the A/E, the Owner will review it and make any changes deemed necessary by the Owner's Representative. The recommendation of the Certificate for Payment by

the A/E does not waive or limit the Owners right to reduce the amount of the payment due to the Contractor as determined to be appropriate by the Owner.

- 9.4.3 The recommendation of a Certificate for Payment will constitute a representation by the A/E to the Owner, based on his observations at the site as provided in Article 2 Architect/Engineer hereof and the data comprising the Application for Payment, that the Work has progressed to the point indicated; that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief: (a) the quality of the Work is in accordance with the Contract Documents (subject to an evaluation of the Work for conformance with the Contract Documents upon Substantial or Final Completion, to the results of any subsequent tests required by or performed under the Contract Documents, to minor deviations from the Contract Documents correctable prior to completion, and to any specific qualifications stated in his Certificate); and that (b) the Contractor is entitled to payment in the amount certified. However, by recommending a Certificate for Payment, the A/E shall not thereby be deemed to represent that he has made exhaustive or continuous on-site inspections to check the quality or quantity of the Work or that he has reviewed the construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, or that he has made any examination to ascertain how or for what purpose the Contractor has used the moneys previously paid on account of the Contract Sum.

9.5 PROGRESS PAYMENTS

- 9.5.1 The Owner shall make payment in the manner and within twenty-three (23) calendar days after receipt of the Certificate of Payment from the A/E based upon the Owner's approval or adjustment of said Certificate. The Contractor shall be paid the amount approved or adjusted by the Owner, less five percent (5%) retainage which is being held to assure faithful performance; provided however, that said retainage is not applicable to Time and Material Change Orders.
- 9.5.2 In relation to punch list or other uncompleted work and in lieu of a portion of the above-specified five percent (5%) retainage, the Owner may, at its sole discretion, elect to retain fixed amounts directly relating to the various items of uncompleted Work. All amounts withheld shall be included in the Final Payment.
- 9.5.3 The Contractor shall, within seven (7) days after receiving payment from the Owner, do one of the following:
- 9.5.3.1 Pay all subcontractors for the proportionate share of the total payment received from the Owner for work performed by each subcontractor under the Contract; or

- 9.5.3.2 Notify the Owner and subcontractor(s), in writing, of his intention to withhold all or part of the subcontractor's payment with the reason for nonpayment.
- 9.5.4 The Contractor shall make payment to subcontractors as heretofore specified. Each payment shall reflect the percentage actually retained, if any, from payments to the Contractor on account of such subcontractor's Work.
- 9.5.5 The Contractor shall provide the Owner with his social security number, if an individual, and their federal identification number if a corporation, partnership, or proprietorship.
- 9.5.6 The Contractor shall be obligated to pay unpaid subcontractors interest on payments that are not made in accordance with this Article 9.5 Progress Payments. The rate of interest shall be in compliance with the Prompt Payment section of the Virginia Public Procurement Act of the Code of Virginia. The Contractor shall, by an appropriate agreement with each subcontractor require each subcontractor to make payments to his sub-subcontractors according to all the same requirements as provided in this Article 9.5 Progress Payments.
- 9.5.7 The Owner may, upon written request, furnish to any subcontractor, if practicable, information regarding the percentages of completion or the amounts applied for by the Contractor and the action taken thereon by the Owner on account of Work done by such subcontractor.
- 9.5.8 Neither the Owner nor the A/E shall have any obligation to pay or to see to the payment of any monies to any subcontractor except as may otherwise be required by law.
- 9.5.9 No Certificate for a progress payment, nor any progress payment, nor any partial or entire use or occupancy of the Project by the Owner, shall constitute an acceptance of any Work not in accordance with the Contract Documents.

9.6 PAYMENTS WITHHELD

- 9.6.1 The Owner may withhold the payment in whole or in part, if necessary to reasonably protect the Owner. If the A/E is unable to make representations as provided in subparagraph 9.4.3 and to recommend payment in the amount of the application, he will notify the Owner as provided in subparagraph 9.4.1. If the Contractor and the Owner cannot agree on a revised amount, the Owner will promptly issue a Certificate for Payment for the amount for which he is able to make representations with

respect to payment due for work performed. The Owner may also decline to certify or make payment or, because of subsequently discovered evidence or subsequent observations, the Owner may nullify the whole or any part of any Certificate for Payment previously issued.

9.6.2 The Owner may withhold from the Contractor so much of any payment approved by the A/E, as may in the judgment of the Owner be necessary:

9.6.2.1 To protect the Owner from loss due to defective work not remedied;

9.6.2.2 To protect the Owner upon receipt of Notice of the filing in court or in an arbitration proceeding as may be required in any third party contract, of verified claims of any persons supplying labor or materials for the Work, or other verified third party claims;

9.6.2.3 To protect the Owner upon reasonable evidence that the Work will not be completed for the unpaid balance of the Contract Sum;

9.6.2.4 To protect the Owner upon reasonable evidence that the Work will not be completed within the Contract Time, or any Contract Milestones as established by this Contract; or

9.6.2.5 To protect the Owner upon the Contractor's failure to properly schedule and coordinate the work in accordance with or as required by the Contract Documents, or failure to provide progress charts, revisions, updates or other scheduling data as required by the Contract Documents, or upon the Contractor's failure to provide as-built drawings as required herein, or upon Contractor's failure to otherwise substantially or materially comply with the Contract Documents.

9.6.3 If required by the Owner-Contractor Agreement, the Contractor shall, concurrent with his submission of the Construction Schedule, submit a practicable and realistic payment schedule showing the dates on which the Contractor will submit each and every Application for Payment and the amount he expects to receive for each and every monthly progress payment. If during the performance of the Work, the Contractor expects to receive an amount for a monthly progress payment larger than that indicated on the payment schedule, the Contractor shall notify the Owner at least thirty (30) days in advance of that payment so that the necessary allocation of funds can be processed. In the event the Contractor fails to submit a practicable and realistic payment schedule, the Contractor's

Application for Payment shall be honored only to the extent that the Work is actually performed and that the proportion of payments made to the Contract Sum does not exceed the proportion of the Contract Time expired as of the time of the request.

9.7 FAILURE OF PAYMENT

If the Owner does not make payment to the Contractor within the thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the Contractor's Application for Payment by the A/E through no fault of Contractor, and the Owner otherwise not being entitled under the Contract Documents or applicable law to withhold payment, then the Contractor may, upon fifteen (15) additional days' written Notice to the Owner and the A/E, stop the Work until payment of the amount owing has been received. In such event, the Contract Sum shall be increased by the amount of the Contractor's reasonable costs of shutdown, delay and start-up, which shall be effected by appropriate Change Order as provided herein.

9.8 SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION AND GUARANTEE BOND

9.8.1 Unless otherwise specified in Article 9.9 Final Completion and Final Payment, when the Contractor considers that the Work, or a designated portion thereof which is acceptable to the Owner, is substantially complete as defined in Article 8 Contract Time, the Contractor shall request in writing that the A/E and the Owner perform a Substantial Completion inspection. Prior to such inspection the Contractor shall:

9.8.1.1 If applicable, secure a Certificate of Occupancy for the Project or a designated portion thereof; and

9.8.1.2 Submit five (5) copies each of the Operations and Maintenance Manuals to the A/E as specified and one (1) copy to the Owner.

9.8.2 The Owner shall determine whether the project is substantially complete and shall compile a punch list of items to be completed or corrected. The failure to include any items on such list does not alter the responsibility of the Contractor to complete all Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

9.8.3 When the Owner on the basis of his inspection determines that the Work or a designated portion thereof is substantially complete, the A/E will then prepare a Certificate of Substantial Completion which shall establish the Date of Substantial Completion and shall state the responsibilities of the

Owner and the Contractor for security, maintenance, heat, utilities, damage to the Work and insurance. The Certificate of Substantial Completion shall be submitted to the Owner and the Contractor for their written acceptance of the responsibilities assigned to them in such Certificate.

9.8.4 The Contractor shall have the number of days from the Date of Substantial Completion as shown in Section 01315 of the Specifications to complete all items on the punch list to the satisfaction of the Owner. If the Contractor fails to complete all punch list items within the designated time, the Owner shall have the option to correct or conclude any remaining items by utilizing its own forces or by hiring others. The cost of such correction of remaining punch list items by the Owner or others shall be deducted from the final payment to the Contractor.

9.8.5 Guarantees and warranties required by the Contract Documents shall commence on the Date of Final Completion of the Work, unless otherwise provided in the Certificate of Substantial or Final Completion, or the Contract Documents. Provided, however, that if Contractor does not complete certain punch list items within this time period, specified in 9.8.4, all warranties and guarantees for such incomplete Punch List items shall become effective upon issuance of final payment for the project.

9.8.5.1 The Contractor shall guarantee for a term of one (1) year from the date of Final Completion or Final Payment, (unless otherwise provided for in the Certificate(s) of Substantial or Final Completion or the Contract Documents): (a) the quality and stability of all materials equipment and Work; (b) all the Work against defects in materials, equipment or workmanship; and (c) all shrinkage, settlement or other faults of any kind which are attributable to defective materials or workmanship. The Contractor shall remedy at his own expense, when so notified in writing to do so by the Owner, and to the satisfaction of the Owner, the Work or any part thereof that does not conform to any of the warranties and guaranties described in the Contract Documents.

9.8.5.2 In order to make good the guarantee as herein required, the Contractor shall deposit with the Owner, after Substantial Completion but before Final Payment, a Guarantee Bond(s) issued by a surety licensed to do business in Virginia and otherwise acceptable to the Owner, for the faithful performance of the guarantee. Said Bond(s) shall be for a period of one (1) year and in the amount of five percent (5%) of the final gross value of the Contract.

9.8.5.3 The Contractor shall complete repairs during the guarantee period, within five (5) working days after the receipt of notice from the Owner and if the Contractor shall fail to complete such repairs within the said five (5) working days, the Owner may employ such other person or persons as it may deem proper to make such repairs and pay the expenses thereof out of any sum retained by it, provided nothing herein contained shall limit the liability of the Contractor or his surety to the Owner for non-performance of the Contractor's obligations at any time.

9.8.6 The issuance of the Certificate of Substantial Completion does not indicate final acceptance of the project by the Owner, and the Contractor is not relieved of any responsibility for the project except as specifically stated in the Certificate of Substantial Completion.

9.8.7 Upon Substantial Completion of the Work, or designated portion thereof, and upon application by the Contractor and certification by the A/E, the Owner shall make payment, adjusted for retainage and payments withheld, if any, for such Work or portion thereof, as provided in the Contract Documents.

9.8.8 Should the Owner determine that the Work or a designated portion thereof is not substantially complete, he shall provide the Contractor a written notice stating why the project or designated portion is not substantially complete. The Contractor shall expeditiously complete the Work and shall re-request in writing that the Owner perform a substantial completion inspection.

9.9 FINAL COMPLETION AND FINAL PAYMENT

9.9.1 A Certificate of Final Completion shall be issued by the A/E prior to final payment. At the Owner's sole option, this Final Completion Certificate may be issued without a Certificate of Substantial Completion. The Contractor, prior to application for Final Payment and within the time specified for completion of the Work, shall complete all Work, to include punch list items and provide operating manuals and as-built data, for the Work, as completed and in place. Said Certificate of Final Completion shall be issued, even if a Certificate of Substantial Completion has been issued previously and temporary authority to operate the Work has been granted.

9.9.1.1 The Certificate of Final Completion shall certify that all Work has been completed in accordance with Contract Documents and is ready for use by the Owner.

- 9.9.2 For all projects where Substantial Completion Certificates have been issued for various portions of the Work, at differing times, the Contractor shall request and the Owner shall, prior to final payment, issue a Certificate of Final Completion which certifies that all required Work, including punch list items, has been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- 9.9.3 Neither the final payment nor any remaining retainage shall become due until the Contractor submits to the A/E the following:
- 9.9.3.1 An Application for Payment for all remaining monies due under the Contract.
 - 9.9.3.2 Consent of surety, if any, to final payment;
 - 9.9.3.3 If required by the Owner, other data establishing payment or satisfaction of all such obligations, such as receipts, releases and waivers of claims arising out of the Contract, to the extent and in such form as may be designated by the Owner. If any subcontractor refuses to furnish waiver of claims satisfactory to the Owner, the Contractor may furnish a bond satisfactory to the Owner to indemnify him against any such claim. If any such claim remains unsatisfied after all payments are made, the Contractor shall refund to the Owner all monies that the latter may be compelled to pay in discharging such claim, including all costs and reasonable attorneys' fees;
 - 9.9.3.4 As-built drawings, operation and maintenance manuals and other project closeout submittals, as required by the Contract Documents;
 - 9.9.3.5 Construction releases as required by the Contract Documents from each property owner on whose property an easement for construction of this project has been obtained by the Owner, such release to be in the forms to be provided by the Owner. This release is for the purpose of releasing the Owner and the Contractor from liability, claims, and damages arising from construction operations on or adjacent to the easement and includes proper restoration of the property after construction. It shall be the Contractor's sole responsibility to obtain all such releases and furnish them to the Owner; and
 - 9.9.3.6 A written certification that:

- a. The Contractor has reviewed the requirements of the Contract Documents,
- b. The Work has been inspected by the Contractor for compliance with all requirements of the Contract Documents,
- c. Pursuant to this inspection, the Contractor certifies and represents that the Work complies in all respects with the requirements of the Contract Documents,
- d. The Contractor further certifies and represents that all equipment and systems have been installed in accordance with the Contract Documents and have been tested in accordance with specification requirements and are operational, and
- e. The Contractor hereby certifies and represents that the Work is complete in all respects and ready for final inspection.

9.9.4 Upon receipt of the documents required in subparagraph 9.9.3 and upon receipt of a final Application for Payment, the A/E and Owner will promptly make a final inspection. When the A/E finds the Work acceptable under the Contract Documents and the Contract fully performed, he will promptly issue a final Certificate for Payment and a Final Certificate of Completion. The Certificate of Completion will state that to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, and on the basis of his observations and inspections, the Work has been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Contract Documents and that the entire balance designated in the final certificate for payment is due and payable. The final Certificate for Payment will constitute a further representation that the conditions precedent to the Contractor's being entitled to final payment as set forth in Subparagraph 9.9.3 have been fulfilled. The Owner shall review the Certificate of Payment and shall accept it and issue final acceptance, or reject it and notify the Contractor, within ten (10) days. Final payment to the Contractor shall be made within thirty (30) days after final acceptance. All prior estimates and payments, including those relating to change order work shall be subject to correction by this final payment.

9.9.5 The making of Final Payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the Owner, except those arising from:

9.9.5.1 Unsettled claims;

- 9.9.5.2 Faulty, defective, or non-conforming Work discovered or appearing after Substantial or Final Completion;
 - 9.9.5.3 Failure of the Work to comply with the requirements of the Contract Documents;
 - 9.9.5.4 Terms of any warranties or guarantees required by the Contract Documents; or
 - 9.9.5.5 Fraud or bad faith committed by the Contractor or any subcontractor or supplier during performance of work but discovered by Owner after Final Payment.
- 9.9.6 The acceptance of Final Payment shall constitute a waiver of all claims by the Contractor, except those previously made in writing and so identified by the Contractor, as unsettled at the time of the final Application for Payment. No payment, however, final or otherwise, shall operate to release the Contractor or his sureties from any obligations under this Contract or the Performance or the Guarantee Bonds.

ARTICLE 10: PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

10.1 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND PROGRAMS

- 10.1.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for initiating, maintaining and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work. The requirement applies continuously throughout the Contract performance, until Final Payment is made, and is not limited to regular working hours.

10.2 SAFETY OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

- 10.2.1 The Contractor shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of, and shall provide all reasonable protection to prevent damage, injury or loss to:
- 10.2.1.1 All employees on the Work and all other persons who may be affected thereby;
 - 10.2.1.2 All the Work and all materials and equipment to be

incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the site, under the care, custody or control of the Contractor or any of his subcontractors or sub-subcontractor's. Machinery, equipment and all hazards shall be guarded or eliminated in accordance with the safety provisions of the Manual of Accident Prevention in Construction published by the Associated General Contractors of America, to the extent that such provisions are not in contravention of applicable law; and

10.2.1.3 Other property at the site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures and utilities not designated for removal, relocation or replacement in the course of construction.

10.2.2 The Contractor shall give all notices and comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, rules, regulations, permits, resolutions and lawful orders of any public authority bearing on the safety of persons or property or their protection from damage, injury or loss.

The Contractor shall at all times safely guard the Owner's property from injury or losses in connection with the Contract. He shall at all times safely guard and protect his own work and adjacent property as provided by law and the Contract Documents, from damage. All passageways, guard fences, lights and other facilities required for protection by local authorities or local conditions must be provided and maintained without additional cost to the Owner.

10.2.3 The Contractor shall erect and maintain, as required by existing conditions and progress of the Work, all reasonable safeguards for safety and protection, including posting danger signs and other warnings against hazards, promulgating safety regulations and notifying owners and users of adjacent utilities.

10.2.4 When the use or storage of explosives or other hazardous materials or equipment is necessary for the execution of the Work, the Contractor shall exercise the utmost care and shall carry on such activities under the supervision of properly qualified personnel.

10.2.5 The Contractor is responsible for the proper packing, shipping, handling and storage (including but not limited to shipment or storage at the proper temperature and humidity) of materials to be incorporated in the Work, so as to insure the preservation of the quality and fitness of the material for proper installation and incorporation in the Work, as required by the Contract Documents. For example, but not by way of limitation, Contractor shall, when necessary, place material on wooden platforms or

other hard and clean surfaces and not on the ground and/or place such material under cover or in any appropriate shelter or facility. Stored materials or equipment shall be located so as to facilitate proper inspection. Material and equipment that is delivered crated shall remain crated until ready for installation. Lawns, grass plots or other private property shall not be used for storage purposes without the written permission of the owner or lessee unless otherwise within the terms of the easements obtained by the Owner.

10.2.6 In the event of any indirect or direct damage to public or private property referred to in Paragraphs 10.2.1.2 and 10.2.1.3, caused in whole or in part by an act, omission or negligence on the part of the Contractor, any subcontractor, any sub-subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by any of them or by anyone for whose acts any of them may be liable, the Contractor shall at his own expense and cost promptly remedy and restore such property to a condition equal to or better than existing before such damage was done. The Contractor shall perform such restoration by underpinning, replacing, repairing, rebuilding, replanting, or otherwise restoring as may be required or directed by the Owner, or shall make good such damage in a satisfactory and acceptable manner. In case of failure on the part of the Contractor to promptly restore such property or make good such damage, the Owner may, upon two (2) calendar days written Notice, proceed to repair, replace, rebuild or otherwise restore such property as may be necessary and the cost thereof, or a sum sufficient in the judgment of the Owner to reimburse the owners of property so damaged, will be deducted from any monies due or to become due the Contractor under the Contract.

10.2.7 The Contractor shall designate a responsible member of his organization at the site whose duty shall be the prevention of accidents and the protection of material, equipment and other property. This person shall be the Contractor's superintendent unless otherwise designated by the Contractor in writing to the Owner.

10.2.8 The Contractor shall not load or permit any part of the Work to be loaded so as to endanger the safety of any portion of the Work.

10.2.9 The Contractor shall give notice in writing at least forty-eight (48) hours before breaking ground, to all persons, Public Utility Companies, owners of property having structures or improvements in proximity to site of the Work, superintendents, inspectors, or those otherwise in charge of property, streets, water pipes, gas pipes, sewer pipes, telephone cables, electric cables, railroads or otherwise, who may be affected by the Contractor's operation, in order that they may remove any obstruction for which they are responsible and have representative(s) on site to see that their property is properly protected. Such notice does not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for any damages and claims. Nor does such

notice relieve the Contractor from his responsibility to defend and indemnify the Owner from actions resulting from the Contractor's performance of such work in connection with or arising out of the Contract.

10.2.10 The Contractor shall protect all utilities encountered while performing its work, whether indicated on the Contract Drawings or not. The Contractor shall maintain utilities in service until moved or abandoned. The Contractor shall exercise due care when excavating around utilities and shall restore any damaged utilities to the same condition or better as existed prior to starting the Work, at no cost to the Owner. The Contractor shall maintain operating utilities or other services, even if they are shown to be abandoned on the Contract Drawings, in service until new facilities are provided, tested and ready for use.

10.2.11 The Contractor shall return all improvements on or about the site and adjacent property which are not shown to be altered, removed or otherwise changed to conditions which existed prior to starting work.

10.2.12 The Contractor shall protect the Work, including but not limited to, the site, stored materials and equipment, excavations, and excavated or stockpiled soil or other material, intended for use in the Work, and shall take all necessary precautions to prevent or minimize damage to same and to prevent detrimental effect upon his performance or that of his subcontractors, caused by or due to rain, snow, ice, run-off, floods, temperature, wind, dust, sand and flying debris. For example, but not by way of limitation, Contractor shall, when necessary, utilize temporary dikes, channels or pumping to carry-off, divert or drain water, and shall as necessary tie-down or otherwise secure the Work and employ appropriate covers and screens.

10.3 OBLIGATION OF CONTRACTOR TO ACT IN AN EMERGENCY

10.3.1 In case of an emergency that threatens immediate loss or damage to property and/or safety of life, the Contractor shall act to prevent threatened loss, damage, injury or death. The Contractor shall notify the Owner of the situation and all actions taken immediately thereafter. If the Contractor fails to act and any loss, damage, injury or death occurs that could have been prevented by the Contractor's prompt and immediate action, the Contractor shall be fully liable to the Owner or any other party for all costs, damages, claims, actions, suits, costs of defense, and all other expenses arising therefrom or relating thereto.

10.3.2 Prior to commencing his work and at all times during the performance of the Work, the Contractor shall provide the Owner two (2), twenty-four hour (24) emergency phone numbers where his representatives can be

contacted.

ARTICLE 11: INSURANCE

11.1 CONTRACTOR'S INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

11.1.1 The Contractor shall be responsible for its work and every part thereof, and for all materials, tools, equipment, appliances, and property of any and all description used in connection therewith. The Contractor assumes all risk of direct and indirect damage or injury to the property or persons used or employed on or in connection with the work contracted for, and of all damage or injury to any person or property wherever located, resulting from any action, omission, commission or operation under the Contract.

11.1.2 The Contractor shall, during the continuance of all work under the Contract provide, and require that its subcontractors provide, the following:

11.1.2.1 Maintain Workers' Compensation and Employer's Liability to protect the Contractor from any liability or damages for any injuries (including death and disability) to any and all of its employees, including any and all liability or damage which may arise by virtue of any statute or law in force within the Commonwealth of Virginia.

11.1.2.2 The Contractor agrees to maintain Comprehensive General Liability insurance to protect the Contractor, its subcontractors, and the interest of the County, its officers, employees, and agents against any and all injuries to third parties, including bodily injury and personal injury, wherever located, resulting from any action or operation under the Contract or in connection with the contracted work. The General Liability insurance shall also include the Broad Form Property Damage endorsement, in addition to coverage for explosion, collapse, and underground hazards, where required.

11.1.2.3 The Contractor agrees to maintain owned, non-owned, and hired Automobile Liability insurance, covering all owned, non-owned, borrowed, leased, or rented vehicles operated by the Contractor. In addition, all mobile equipment used by the Contractor in connection with the contracted work, will be insured under either a standard Automobile Liability policy, or a Comprehensive General Liability policy.

11.1.2.4 Builder's Risk Policy:

The Contractor shall provide Builder's Risk and Fire and

Extended Coverage insurance to protect the County and Contractor and subcontractors. Such insurable value shall reflect any increases to the Contract amount through Change Orders. Policy to be in Builder's Risk Completed Value forms, including the following:

- a. Policies shall be written to include the names of Contractors and County and the words "as their interest may appear";
- b. All insurance shall be in effect on or before the date when construction work is to commence; and
- c. All insurance shall be maintained in full force and effect until the final acceptance of the project by the County.

11.1.2.5 The Contractor shall purchase and maintain such boiler and machinery insurance as may be required by the Contract Documents. This insurance shall include the interests of the County, the Contractor and subcontractors.

11.1.3 The Contractor agrees to provide the above referenced policies with the following limits. Liability insurance limits may be arranged by General Liability and Automobile Liability policies for the full limits required, or by a combination of underlying policies for lesser limits with the remaining limits provided by an Excess or Umbrella Liability policy.

11.1.3.1 Workers' Compensation

Coverage A:	Statutory
Coverage B:	\$ 100,000

11.1.3.2 General Liability:

Per Occurrence:	\$1,000,000
Personal/Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
General Aggregate:	\$2,000,000
Products/Completed Operations	\$2,000,000
Fire Damage Legal Liability:	\$ 100,000

GL Coverage, excluding Products and Completed Operations, should be on a Per Project Basis

11.1.3.3 Automobile Liability:

Combined Single Limit:	\$1,000,000
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11.1.3.4 Builders' Risk

100% of Value*

*100% of the insurable value of the Contract. Insurable value does not include site acquisition, site work, grading, infrastructure etc.

11.1.3.5 Boiler & Machinery: (If Applicable) \$1,000,000

11.1.4 The following provisions shall be agreed to by the Contractor:

11.1.4.1 No change, cancellation, or non-renewal shall be made in any insurance coverage without a forty-five (45) day written Notice to the County. The Contractor shall furnish a new certificate prior to any change or cancellation date. The failure of the Contractor to deliver a new and valid certificate will result in suspension of all payments until the new certificate is furnished.

11.1.4.2 Liability Insurance "Claims Made" basis:

If the liability insurance purchased by the Contractor has been issued on a "claims made" basis, the Contractor must comply with the following additional conditions. The limits of liability and the extensions to be included as described previously in these provisions, remain the same. The Contractor must either:

- a. Agree to provide, prior to commencing work under the Contract, certificates of insurance evidencing the above coverage for a period of five (5) years after final payment for the Contract. This certificate shall evidence a "retroactive date" no later than the beginning of the Contractor's or subcontractor's work under this Contract, or
- b. Purchase the extended reporting period endorsement for the policy or policies in force during the term of this Contract and evidence the purchase of this extended reporting period endorsement by means of a certificate of insurance or a copy of the endorsement itself.

11.1.4.3 a. The Contractor agrees to provide insurance issued by companies admitted within the Commonwealth of Virginia, with the Best's Key Rating of at least A:VII.

- b. European markets including those based in London, and the domestic surplus lines market that operate on a non-admitted basis are exempt from this requirement provided that the Contractor's broker can provide financial data to establish that a market's policyholder surpluses are equal to or exceed the surpluses that correspond to Best's A:VII Rating.

11.1.4.4 a. The Contractor will provide an original signed Certificate of Insurance and such endorsements as prescribed herein.

- b. The Contractor will secure and maintain all insurance certificates of its subcontractors which shall be made available to the County on demand.
- c. The Contractor will provide on request certified copies of all insurance coverage related to the Contract within ten (10) business days of demand by the County. These certified copies will be sent to the County from the Contractor's insurance agent or representative. Any request made under this provision will be deemed confidential and proprietary.
- d. Any certificates provided shall indicate the Contract name and number.

11.1.4.5 The County, its officers and employees shall be named as an "additional insured" on the Automobile, General Liability policies, and it shall be stated on the Insurance Certificate with the provision that this coverage "is primary to all other coverage the County may possess."

11.1.4.6 Compliance by the Contractor and all subcontractors with the foregoing requirements as to carrying insurance shall not relieve the Contractor and all subcontractors of their liabilities provisions of the Contract.

11.1.5 Contractual and other Liability insurance provided under this Contract shall not contain a supervision, inspection or engineering services exclusion that would preclude the County from supervising and/or inspecting the project as to the end result. The Contractor shall assume all on-the-job responsibilities as to the control of persons directly employed by it and of the subcontractors.

11.1.6 Nothing contained in the specifications shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the County. The Contractor shall be as fully responsible to the County for the acts and omissions of the subcontractors and of persons employed by them as it is for acts and omissions of persons directly employed by it.

11.1.7 Precaution shall be exercised at all times for the protection of persons (including employees) and property.

- 11.1.8 The Contractor and all subcontractors are to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Public Law 91-956, as it may apply to this Contract.
- 11.1.9 Any loss insured under subparagraph 11.1.2.4 is to be adjusted with the County and made payable to the County as trustee for the requirements of any applicable mortgagee clause. The Contractor shall pay each subcontractor a just share of any insurance monies received by the Contractor, and by appropriate agreement, written where legally required for validity, shall require each subcontractor to make payments to his sub-subcontractors in similar manner.
- 11.1.10 When the County finds it necessary to occupy or use a portion or portions of the work prior to substantial completion thereof, such occupancy shall commence with a mutual agreement between the County and Contractor. The insurance company or companies providing the property insurance recognize this contingency and shall provide evidence of such endorsement prior to commencement of work. This insurance shall not be canceled or lapsed for the unoccupied part of the building on account of such partial occupancy. Consent of the Contractor and of the insurance company or companies to such occupancy or use shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 11.1.11 If an "ACORD" Insurance Certificate form is used by the Contractor's insurance agent, the words "endeavor to" and ". . . but failure to mail such notice shall impose no obligation or liability of any kind upon the company" in the "Cancellation" paragraph of the form shall be deleted.
- 11.1.12 The Contractor agrees to waive all rights of subrogation against the County, its officers, employees, and agents.

ARTICLE 12: CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS IN THE WORK

12.1 CHANGES IN THE WORK

- 12.1.1 The Owner, without invalidating the Contract and without Notice to the surety, may order a Change or Modification in the Work consisting of additions, deletions or other revisions to the general scope of the Contract, or changes in the sequence of the performance of the Work. The Contract Sum and the Contract Time shall be adjusted accordingly. All such Modifications in the Work shall be authorized by written Change Order, and all Work involved in a Change shall be performed in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract. If the Contractor should proceed with a Change in the Work upon an oral order,

by whomsoever given, it shall constitute a waiver by the Contractor of any claim for an increase in the Contract Sum and/or Contract Time, on account thereof.

12.2 FIELD ORDER

12.2.1 A Field Order is a written order to the Contractor signed by the Owner interpreting or clarifying the Contract Documents or directing the Contractor to perform minor changes in the Work. A minor change in the work is defined as a change not involving adjustment in the Contract Sum or an extension of the Contract Time and is not inconsistent with the intent of the Contract Documents. Such changes shall be effected by written order and shall be binding on the County and the Contractor. The Contractor shall carry out such orders promptly. Any work relating to the issuance of a Field Order shall be performed promptly and expeditiously and without additional cost to the Owner and within the Contract Time, unless the Contractor submits a Proposed Change Order, defined below, which is approved by the Owner. Field Orders shall be numbered consecutively by date of issuance by the Owner.

12.3 REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

12.3.1 A Request for Proposal is a written request from the Owner to the Contractor that describes a proposed Change in the Work. The Contractor is required to submit a complete proposal for the total cost and additional time, if any, necessary to perform the proposed Change in the Work. Requests for Proposals shall be numbered consecutively by date of issuance by the Owner.

12.4 PROPOSED CHANGE ORDER

12.4.1 A Proposed Change Order is a written request from the Contractor to the Owner requesting a change in the Contract Amount and/or Contract Time. A Proposed Change Order is submitted as a proposal in response to a Request For Proposal or as a claim for an increase in the Contract Sum or Contract Time pursuant to the issuance of a Field Order, or as a result of unforeseen circumstances, such as an unknown site conditions. Change Orders for unforeseen site conditions will only be entertained if the Contractor has not accepted responsibility for the unforeseen site conditions pursuant to other provisions in the Contract Documents. A Proposed Change Order must be submitted within twenty (20) calendar days of the issuance of a Request for Proposal or a Field Order or the discovery of an unforeseen circumstance. The CONTRACTOR shall not be entitled to time and/or costs of any nature from the OWNER as a result of his failure to comply with this provision. Proposed Change Orders shall be numbered consecutively by date of issuance by the Contractor. The Contractor shall also indicate on the Proposed Change Order the number of the Request for Proposal or the Field Order to which it responds.

12.4.2 In the case of unit price items, it is understood and agreed by the Contractor that the estimates of the quantities in unit price items are approximate only and presented solely for the purpose of comparing bids and may not represent the actual amount of work to be performed. The Contractor, therefore, understands and agrees that the Owner reserves the right to increase, decrease or eliminate entirely the quantity of work to be done under any item. If called upon to do more work under any unit price item named in the Bid Documents, he will perform all such additional work and accept as payment the unit price named in the proposal, subject to the

twenty percent (20%) deviation limitations specified in subparagraph 12.4.2.2.

12.4.2.1 The Contractor's Proposed Change Order shall be determined by applicable unit prices, if any, as set forth in the Contract.

12.4.2.2 However, if changes in quantities are greater or lesser than twenty percent (20%) of the original bid quantity the Owner or the Contractor shall have the right to request a decrease or an increase in the unit price for the quantity greater than one hundred twenty percent (120%) or less than eighty percent (80%) of the original bid quantity.

12.4.2.3 It shall be understood that such unit prices shall constitute full payment for the extra work performed, including, but not limited to, "general conditions" costs, plant, materials, labor, equipment, overhead, profit, and safety requirements.

12.4.3 If no such unit prices are set forth, the Contractor's proposal shall be on a lump sum basis and shall be itemized and segregated by labor, equipment, and materials for the various components of the Change in the Work (no aggregate labor total will be acceptable) and shall be accompanied by signed proposals of any subcontractors who will perform any portion of the Change in the Work and of any persons who will furnish materials or equipment for incorporation therein.

12.4.3.1 The portion of the proposal relating to labor, whether by the Contractor's forces or the forces of any of its subcontractors, may include reasonably anticipated gross wages of Job Site labor, including foremen, who will be directly involved in the Change in the Work (for such time as they will be so involved), plus separately identified payroll costs (including premium costs of overtime labor, if overtime is authorized, Social Security, Federal or State unemployment insurance

taxes and fringe benefits required by collective bargaining agreements entered into by the Contractor or any such subcontractor in connection with such labor).

12.4.3.2 The portion of the proposal relating to materials may include the reasonably anticipated direct costs to the Contractor or to any of its subcontractors of materials to be purchased for incorporation in the Change in the Work, plus transportation and applicable sales or use taxes.

12.4.3.3 The proposal may further include the Contractor's and any of his subcontractor's reasonably anticipated equipment rental costs, except small hand tools, in connection with the Change in the Work.

12.4.4 Base Cost is defined as the total of labor, material and equipment rentals as described in subparagraphs 12.4.3.1, 12.4.3.2 and 12.4.3.3. The actual net cost in money to the Owner for the Change in the Work shall be computed as follows:

12.4.4.1 If the Contractor performs the Change in the Work without use of subcontractors or sub-subcontractors, his compensation will be the Base Costs as described above, plus a maximum mark-up of fifteen percent (15%) for overhead and profit.

12.4.4.2 If the work is performed by a bona fide subcontractor, his compensation will be the Base Costs as described above plus a maximum mark-up of fifteen percent (15%) for overhead and profit. The Contractor's compensation will be a maximum mark-up of five percent (5%) of the subcontractor's Base Costs for his overhead and profit.

12.4.4.3 If the work is performed by a bona fide sub-subcontractor, his compensation will be the Base Costs as herein described plus a maximum mark-up of fifteen percent (15%) for overhead and profit. The mark-up of any sub-subcontractor's work by the Contractor and all intervening tiers of subcontractors shall not exceed a total of ten percent (10%).

12.4.5 The mark-up on the cost of labor, materials, and equipment described in Paragraphs 12.4.4.1, 12.4.4.2, and 12.4.4.3 shall compensate the Contractors, subcontractor and sub-subcontractor for all indirect costs associated with or relating to the Change in the Work including, but not limited to, labor and/or equipment inefficiency, changes in sequence,

delays, interferences, impact on unchanged work, gross receipts tax, superintendent, small tools, reproduction, administration, insurance, unrelated safety requirements, temporary structures and offices, all other general and administrative, home office and field office expenses.

12.4.6 The Proposed Change Order may also include the cost of increases in premiums for the Standard Labor and Material Payment Bond and the Standard Performance Bond, provided coverage for the cost of the Change in Work results in such increased costs. At the Owner's request, the Contractor shall provide proof of his notification to the Surety of the change in the Work and of the Surety's agreement to include such change in its coverage. The cost of the increase in premiums shall not be marked up.

12.4.7 In the event that it is necessary to increase the Contract Time in order to perform the Change in the Work, the Contractor shall provide an estimate of the increase in the Contract Time as part of the Proposed Change Order.. The Contractor's request for a time extension shall be evaluated in accordance with the criteria described in Article 8.3 Claims for Time Extensions.

12.4.8 If the Contractor's Proposed Change Order is rejected by the Owner as being within the scope of the Work required by the Contract Documents the Owner may, at its sole option and discretion, direct the Contractor to perform the Work which is the subject of the said Proposed Change Order; the Contractor shall then promptly proceed with said Work. Nothing herein shall excuse the timely performance by the Contractor of the Work because any Proposed Change Order is pending.

12.5 CHANGE ORDER

12.5.1 A Change Order is a written order to the Contractor signed by the Owner, issued after execution of the Contract, authorizing a Change in the Work or an adjustment in the Contract Sum and/or the Contract Time. The Contract Sum and the Contract Time may be changed only by Change Order. A Change Order signed by the Contractor indicates his agreement therewith, including the adjustment in the Contract Sum and/or the Contract Time. Change Orders shall be numbered consecutively by date of issuance by the Owner and shall, if applicable, indicate the number of the Field Order(s), Request for Proposal(s) and/or Proposed Change Order(s) to which it relates.

12.5.1.1 If the Owner determines that the Contractor's Proposed Change Order, submitted pursuant to Article 12.4 for a change in the Contract Sum or Contract Time, is acceptable, the Owner shall prepare and issue a Change Order which

will authorize the Contractor to proceed with the Change in the Work for the cost and time stated in the Proposed Change Order, or as otherwise may be agreed upon by the parties. The amounts stated in the Change Order for the cost and time to perform the Change in the Work shall be binding on the parties.

12.5.2 After issuance of the Change Order, the Contractor shall ensure that the amount of the Performance and Payment Bond coverage has been revised to reflect the increase in the Contract Sum due to the Change Order.

12.5.3 If the Contractor's Proposed Change Order is not acceptable to the Owner or if the parties are unable to otherwise agree as to the cost and time necessary to perform the Change in the Work, the Owner may, at its sole option and discretion, direct the Contractor to perform the Work on a time and material basis. The Contractor shall then promptly proceed with the Work.

12.5.4 If the Owner elects to have the Change in the Work performed on a time and material basis, the same shall be performed, whether by the Contractor's forces or the forces of any of its subcontractors or sub-subcontractors, at actual cost to the entity performing the Change in the Work (without any charge for administration, clerical expense, supervision or superintendent of any nature whatsoever). The percent mark-ups for the Contractor, subcontractors and sub-subcontractor's shall be as described in subparagraphs 12.4.4 and 12.4.5.

12.5.4.1 Prior to starting the work on a time and material basis, the Contractor shall notify the Owner in writing as to what labor, materials, equipment or rentals are to be used for the Change in the Work. During the performance of the Change, the Contractor shall submit to the Owner daily time and material tickets, which shall list the categories and amounts of labor and equipment for which Change Order compensation is to be charged for the previous work day. Such tickets shall specifically include the following information: location and description of the Change in the Work, the classification of labor employed, including names and social security numbers of laborers, labor trades used, man hours, wage rates, insurance, taxes and fringe benefits, equipment and materials suppliers' quotations with detailed break-out and pricing, rental equipment hours and rates, and materials quantities and unit prices and such other evidence of cost as the Owner may require.

- 12.5.4.2 The Contractor shall commence submission of daily time and material tickets immediately upon commencement of the Change Order Work and continue to submit them until completion of the Change Order Work. The Owner may require authentication of all time and material tickets and invoices by persons designated by the Owner for such purpose.
- 12.5.4.3 No payment shall be made to the Contractor for any portion of the Change in the Work unless and until such daily time and material tickets and invoices are submitted. The submission of any such ticket or invoice shall not constitute an acknowledgment by the Owner that the items thereon were reasonably required for the Change in the Work.
- 12.5.4.4 For any work performed on a time and material basis, the Contractor shall submit its complete submission of the reasonable actual cost and time to perform the Change in the Work within twenty (20) days after such Work has been completed. The Owner shall review the costs and time submitted by the Contractor on the basis of reasonable expenditures and savings of those performing the Change in the Work. If such costs and time are acceptable to the Owner, or if the parties otherwise agree to the actual reasonable cost to perform the Change in the Work, a Change Order will be issued for the cost and time agreed upon. The amounts stated in the Change Order for the cost and time to perform the Change in the Work shall be binding upon the parties.

12.6 UNILATERAL CHANGE ORDER

- 12.6.1 In the event that the parties are unable to agree as to the reasonable cost and time to perform the Change in the Work and the Owner does not elect to have the Change in the Work performed on a time and material basis, the Owner may issue a unilateral Change Order based on the reasonable cost and time to perform the Change in the Work as determined by the Owner. Failure of the parties to reach agreement regarding the cost and time of performing the Change in the Work shall not relieve the Contractor from performing the Change in the Work promptly and expeditiously. Any unresolved dispute resulting from the Unilateral Change Order shall be resolved pursuant to the procedure outlined in Article 13 Claims and Dispute Procedure.

12.7 DECREASES AND WORK NOT PERFORMED (Deductive Change Orders)

12.7.1 Should it be deemed expedient by the Owner to decrease the dimensions, quantity of material or work, or vary in any other way the work herein contracted for, the Owner may direct by written Change Order, such decreases to be made or performed without in any way affecting the validity of the Contract. The Contractor shall, comply with the Change Order from the Owner. The difference in expense occasioned by such decrease shall be deducted from the amount payable under this Contract.

12.7.2 When work is deleted from the Contract by Owner, the amounts to be credited to the Owner shall reflect the same current pricing as if the work were being added to the Contract at the time the deletion is ordered, and documentation will be required for a credit as specified in Article 12.5.4. If such deleted materials and equipment shall have already been purchased and stored on site and cannot be used in other projects, returned for credit or cannot be returned for credit at the price paid by the Contractor at the time of purchase, the Contractor shall be entitled, upon proper documentation and certification, to an adjustment in the pricing of the credit to avoid hardship to the Contractor. If necessary in order to establish such reasonable value, the Contractor may be required to submit a detailed breakdown of his original bid for the items or work involved.

12.7.3 If work is not performed, and such deletion of work was not directed or approved by the Owner, the Owner shall ascertain the amount of the credit due.

12.8 CHANGES IN LINE AND GRADE

12.8.1 The Owner reserves the right to make such alterations in the line and grade of various structures or pipe lines shown on the drawings, as may be necessitated by conditions found during construction or that in the judgment of the Owner appears advisable. Such alterations shall in no way affect the validity of the Contract

12.8.1.1 In case of a unit price contract, if such changes increase the amount of the work or materials, the Contractor will be paid according to the quantity of work actually done at the prices established for such work under the Contract.

12.8.1.2 In case of a lump sum contract, the price for the work shall be determined as specified in Article 12.4 Proposed Change Order.

12.9 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS FOUND DIFFERENT

12.9.1 Should the Contractor encounter (a) subsurface and/or latent conditions at the site materially differing from those shown on the drawings or indicated in the specifications, or (b) unusual physical conditions at the site of an unusual nature, which differ materially from those ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in the work of the character provided for in the Contract and which were not reasonably anticipated, he shall immediately give Notice to the Owner of such conditions before they are disturbed. The Owner shall thereupon promptly investigate the conditions and if he finds that they materially differ from those shown on the drawings or indicated in the specifications, he shall at once make such changes in the drawings and/or specifications as he may find necessary. Any increase or decrease of cost resulting from such changes shall be adjusted in the manner provided herein for adjustments as to extra and/or additional work and changes.

12.10 OTHER CLAIMS

12.10.1 If the Contractor claims that additional cost or time is involved because of, but not limited to, (a) any written interpretation pursuant to Article 2 Architect/Engineer, (b) any order by the Owner to stop the Work pursuant to Article 3 Owner where the Contractor was not at fault, (c) failure of payment by the Owner pursuant to Article 9 Payments and Completion, or (d) any written order for a minor change in the Work issued pursuant to Article 12.8. Changes in Line and Grade; the Contractor shall make such claim as provided in this Article 12 Changes and Modification in the Work.

ARTICLE 13: CLAIMS AND DISPUTE PROCEDURE

- 13.1** No claim shall be made under this Contract until and unless the Contractor has failed to obtain a Change Order pursuant to the previous sections of this Article. The Contractor shall give the Owner written Notice of his intent to file a claim within ten (10) calendar days of the occurrence giving rise to the claim or at the beginning of the work upon which the claim is to be based, or the rejection of his Proposed Change Order, whichever is earlier.
- 13.2** No claim shall be allowed and no amounts paid for any and all costs incurred if Notice of intent to file a claim is not given to the Owner as herein provided.
- 13.3** The complete written claim, with all supporting documentation, shall be submitted to the Purchasing Agent no later than sixty (60) days after final payment. If the claim is not disposed of by agreement, the Purchasing Agent shall reduce his decision to writing and mail or otherwise forward a copy thereof to the Contractor within thirty (30) days of receipt of the claim.
- 13.4** The Purchasing Agent's decision shall be final unless the Contractor appeals within thirty (30) days by submitting a written letter of appeal to the County Administrator. The County Administrator shall render a decision within sixty (60)

days of receipt of the appeal.

- 13.5** No litigation shall be instituted prior to the exhaustion of the aforesaid claims process. The Contractor may not introduce factual matters in such litigation that were not set forth in the aforesaid claims process. Each party shall bear its own costs and expenses resulting from any litigation, including attorney's fees.

ARTICLE 14: UNCOVERING AND CORRECTION OF WORK

14.1 UNCOVERING OF WORK

14.1.1 If any portion of the Work should be covered contrary to: (a) the request of the A/E or Owner; (b) requirements specifically expressed in the Contract Documents; or (c) the requirements of applicable Construction Permits, it must, if required in writing by the Owner, be uncovered for their observation and shall be replaced at the Contractor's expense.

14.1.2 If any other portion of the Work has been covered which the Owner has not specifically requested to observe prior to being covered, the Owner may request to see such Work and it shall be uncovered by the Contractor. If such Work be found in accordance with the Contract Documents, the cost of uncovering and replacement shall, by appropriate Change Order, be charged to the Owner. If such Work be found not in accordance with the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall pay such costs unless it be found that this condition was caused solely by the Owner, in which event the Owner shall be responsible for the payment of such costs. If such Work be found not in accordance with the Contract Documents and the condition was caused by a separate contractor, Contractor may proceed against said separate contractor as provided in Article 6 Work by Owner or by Separate Contractors.

14.2 WARRANTY AND CORRECTION OF WORK

14.2.1 The Contractor guarantees and warrants to the Owner all work as follows:

- 14.2.1.1 That all materials and equipment furnished under this Contract will be new and the best of its respective kind unless otherwise specified;
- 14.2.1.2 That all Work will be of first-class quality and free of omissions and faulty, imperfect or defective material or workmanship;
- 14.2.1.3 That the Work shall be entirely watertight and leak proof in

accordance with all applicable industry customs and practices, and shall be free of shrinkage and settlement which are attributable to defective materials or workmanship;

14.2.1.4 That the Work, including but not limited to, mechanical and electrical machines, devices and equipment shall be fit and fully usable for its intended and specified purpose and shall operate satisfactorily with ordinary care;

14.2.1.5 That consistent with requirements of the Contract Documents the Work shall be installed and oriented in such a manner as to facilitate unrestricted access for the operation and maintenance of fixed equipment; and

14.2.1.6 That the Work will be free of abnormal or unusual deterioration which occurs because of poor quality materials or workmanship.

14.2.2 All Work not conforming to guarantees and warranties specified in the Contract Documents, including substitutions not properly approved and authorized, may be considered defective. If required by the Owner, the Contractor shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to the kind and quality of materials and equipment furnished and installed.

14.2.3 The Contractor shall within five (5) working days after receipt of written notice from the Owner during the performance of the Work, reconstruct, replace or correct all Work rejected by the A/E or Owner as defective, as failing to conform to the Contract Documents, or as not in accordance with the guarantees and warranties specified in the Contract Documents whether observed before or after Substantial Completion and whether or not fabricated, installed or completed. The Contractor shall bear all costs of reconstructing, replacing or correcting such rejected Work, including compensation for the A/E's additional services made necessary thereby.

14.2.4 If, within one (1) year after the Date of Substantial or Final Completion of the Work or designated portion thereof or within one (1) year after acceptance by the Owner of designated equipment or within such longer period of time as may be prescribed by law or by the terms of any applicable special warranty required by the Contract Documents, any of the Work is found to be defective, not in accordance with the Contract Documents, or not in accordance with the guarantees and warranties specified in the Contract Documents, the Contractor shall correct it within five (5) working days after receipt of a written notice from the Owner to do so unless the Owner has previously given the Contractor a written acceptance of such condition pursuant to 14.3 Acceptance of Faulty, Defective or Non-Conforming Work. This obligation shall survive termination of the Contract. The Owner shall give such notice promptly after discovery of the condition.

- 14.2.5 Subject to limitation as prescribed by law, if at any time deficiencies in the Work are discovered which are found to have resulted from fraud or misrepresentation, or an intent or attempt to defraud the Owner by the Contractor, any subcontractor or Supplier, the Contractor will be liable for replacement or correction of such Work and any damages which Owner has incurred related thereto, regardless of the time limit of any guarantee or warranty.
- 14.2.6 Any materials or other portions of the Work, installed, furnished or stored on site which are not of the character or quality required by the specifications, or are otherwise not acceptable to the Owner, shall be immediately removed and replaced by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the Owner, when notified to do so by the Owner.
- 14.2.7 If the Contractor fails to correct defective or nonconforming Work as required by Articles 13.2.3 and 13.2.4, or if the Contractor fails to remove defective or nonconforming Work from the site, as required by Article 13.2.6, the Owner may elect to either correct such Work in accordance with Article 3.5 Owner's Right to Carry out the Work or remove and store materials and equipment at the expense of the Contractor. If the Contractor does not pay the cost of such removal and storage within ten (10) days thereafter, the Owner may upon ten additional days written Notice sell such Work at auction or at public or private sale and shall account for the net proceeds thereof, after deducting all the costs that should have been borne by the Contractor, including compensation for the A/E's additional services made necessary thereby. If such proceeds of sale do not cover all costs that the Contractor should have borne, the difference shall be charged to the Contractor and an appropriate Change Order shall be issued. If the payments then or thereafter due the Contractor are not sufficient to cover such amount, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner.
- 14.2.8 The Contractor shall bear the cost of making good all work of the Owner, separate contractors or others, destroyed or damaged by such correction or removal required under this Article.
- 14.2.9 Nothing contained in this Section 14.2 shall be construed to establish a period of limitation with respect to other obligations which the Contractor might have under the Contract Documents. Establishment of the time period of one (1) year as described in 14.2.4 relates only to the specific obligation of the Contractor to correct the Work, and has no relationship to the time within which the obligation to comply with the

Contract Documents may be sought to be enforced, nor to the time within which proceedings may be commenced to establish the Contractor's liability with respect to the Contractor's obligations other than specifically to correct the Work.

14.3 ACCEPTANCE OF FAULTY, DEFECTIVE OR NON-CONFORMING WORK

If the Owner prefers to accept faulty, defective or nonconforming Work, he may do so instead of requiring its removal and correction, in which case a Change Order will be issued at Owner's option, to reflect a reduction in the Contract Sum in an amount to be determined by the Owner.

ARTICLE 15: TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT

15.1 CONTRACTOR'S RIGHT TO STOP WORK OR TERMINATE CONTRACT

If the Work should be stopped under an order of any court or other public authority for a period of ninety (90) days through no fault of the Contractor or anyone employed by him, or if the Owner should fail to pay to the Contractor within thirty (30) days any sum certified by the Architect/Engineer when no dispute exists as to the sum due or any provision of the Contract, then the Contractor may, upon ten (10) calendar days written Notice to the Owner, stop Work or terminate the Contract and recover from the Owner payment for the cost of the Work actually performed, together with overhead and profit thereon, but profit on the Work performed shall be recovered only to the extent that the Contractor can demonstrate that he would have had profit on the entire Contract if he had completed the Work. The Contractor may not receive profit or any other type of compensation for parts of the Work not performed. The Contractor may recover the reasonable cost of physically closing down the Site, but no other costs of termination. The Owner may offset any claims it may have against the Contractor against the amounts due to the Contractor. In no event shall termination of the Contract by the Contractor terminate the obligations of the Contractor's surety on its payment and performance bonds.

15.2 OWNER'S RIGHT TO TERMINATE CONTRACT FOR CAUSE

15.2.1 If the Contractor should be adjudged as bankrupt, or if he should make a general assignment for the benefit of his creditors, or if a receiver should be appointed on account of his insolvency, the Owner may terminate the Contract. If the Contractor should refuse or should repeatedly fail, except in cases for which extension of time is provided, to supply enough properly skilled workmen or proper materials and equipment, or if he should fail to make prompt payment to subcontractors or suppliers of

material of labor, or refuse to prosecute the Work or any part thereof with such diligence as will ensure the Substantial Completion of the Work within the Contract Time or fails to substantially complete the work within such period, or if he should disregard laws, ordinances or the written instructions of the Architect/Engineer or the Owner, or otherwise be in substantial violation of any provision of the Contract, then the Owner may terminate the Contract.

15.2.2 Prior to termination of the Contract, the Owner shall give the Contractor and his surety ten (10) calendar days written Notice during which the Contractor and/or his surety may rectify the basis for the Notice. If rectified to the satisfaction of the Owner within said ten (10) days, the Owner may rescind its Notice of termination. If not, the termination for cause shall become effective at the end of the ten (10) day notice period. In the alternative, the Owner may, in writing, postpone the effective date of the termination for cause, at its sole discretion, if it should receive reassurances from the Contractor and/or its surety that the basis for the termination will be remedied in a time and manner which the Owner finds acceptable. If at any time after such postponement, the Owner determines that Contractor and/or its surety has not or is not likely to rectify the causes of termination in an acceptable manner or within the time allowed, then the Owner may immediately terminate the Contract for cause, without the necessity of further ten (10) day notice, by notifying the Contractor and his surety in writing of the termination. In no event shall termination for cause terminate the obligations of the Contractor's surety on its payment and performance bonds.

15.2.3 Upon termination of the Contract, the Contractor shall immediately cease work and the Owner shall take possession of the Site and of all materials, tools and equipment thereon and finish the Work by whatever method he may deem expedient. In such case the Contractor shall not be entitled to receive any further payment until the Owner has finally completed the project through its own resources or those of a subsequent contractor. If the expense of finishing the Work, including compensation for additional design, managerial and administrative services, shall exceed the unpaid balance of the Contract Price, the Contractor shall pay the difference to the Owner, together with any other expenses of terminating the Contract and having it completed by others. If the unpaid balance of the Contract Price exceeds the costs of finishing the Work, including compensation for additional design, managerial and administrative services, such excess shall be paid to the Contractor.

15.2.4 If it should be judicially determined that the Owner improperly terminated this Contract for cause, then the termination shall be deemed to be a termination for the convenience of the Owner.

15.2.5 Termination of the Contract under this Section is without prejudice to any other right or remedy of the Owner.

15.3 OWNER'S RIGHT TO TERMINATE CONTRACT FOR CONVENIENCE

15.3.1 Owner may terminate this Contract, in whole or in part, at any time without cause upon giving the Contractor written Notice of such termination. Upon such termination, the Contractor shall immediately cease Work and remove from the Site all of its labor forces and such of its materials as Owner elects not to purchase or to assume in the manner hereinafter provided. Upon such termination, the Contractor shall take such steps as Owner may require to assign to the Owner the Contractor's interest in all subcontracts and purchase orders designated by Owner. After all such steps have been taken to Owner's satisfaction, the Contractor shall receive as full compensation for termination and assignment the following:

15.3.1.1 Amounts due for Work performed in accordance with the Contract through the date of termination.

15.3.1.2 Reasonable compensation for the actual cost of demobilization incurred by the Contractor as a direct result of such termination. The Contractor shall not be entitled to any compensation or damages for lost profits or for any other type of contractual compensation or damages other than those provided by the preceding sentence. Upon payment of the foregoing, Owner shall have no further obligations to Contractor of any nature.

15.3.2 In no event shall termination for the convenience of the Owner terminate the obligations of the Contractor's surety on its payment and performance bonds.

15.3.3 After receipt of a Notice of Termination, the Contractor shall submit to the Owner his termination claim. Such claim shall be submitted promptly but in no event later than forty-five (45) days from the effective date of termination. Upon failure of the Contractor to submit his termination claim within the time allowed, the Owner may determine, on the basis of information available to him, the amount, if any, due to the Contractor by reason of the termination.

15.4 CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES UPON TERMINATION

15.4.1 After receipt of a Notice of Termination pursuant to 15.3 Owner's Right to Terminate Contract for Convenience the Contractor shall mitigate any damages to the extent reasonably possible.

15.4.2 In addition to the provisions of 15.4.1, the Contractor shall:

- 15.4.2.1 At the option of the Owner, assign to the Owner, in the manner, at the time, and to the extent directed by the Owner, all of the right, title, and interest of the Contractor under the orders and subcontracts so terminated, in which case the Owner shall have the right, in its discretion, to settle or pay any or all claims arising out of the termination of such orders and subcontracts;
- 15.4.2.2 Transfer title and deliver to the Owner in the manner, at the times, and to the extent, if any, directed by the Owner:
- a. The fabricated or unfabricated parts, work in process, completed Work, supplies, and other material procured as a part of, or acquired in connection with the performance of the Work terminated by the Notice of Termination, and.
 - b. The completed or partially completed drawings, releases, information, manuals and other property which, if the Contract had been completed, would have been required to be furnished to the Owner;
- 15.4.2.3 Complete performance of such part of the Work as shall not have been terminated by the Notice of Termination; and
- 15.4.2.4 Take such action as may be necessary, or as the Owner may direct, for the protection and preservation of the property related to this Contract which is in the possession of the Contractor and in which the Owner has or may acquire an interest.
- 15.4.2.5 Perform site clean up pursuant to the provisions of Section 4.19.

15.5 DISPUTES UPON TERMINATION

- 15.5.1 The provisions of 13.0 Claims and Dispute Procedures shall be applicable to any claim, dispute or other matter arising because of termination under this Article 15.

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OWNER-CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT for the Removal of the Goose Creek Bridge, herein after referred to as the "Project", executed in three (3) originals, effective this _____ day of _____, 2012, is by and between **COUNTY OF LOUDOUN, VIRGINIA** (herein referred to as the "Owner"), and _____ (herein referred to as the "Contractor").

In consideration of the promises made herein and other good and valuable considerations, the following terms and conditions are hereby agreed to between the Owner and Contractor.

This Agreement consists of and incorporates by reference the following attachments:

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| Attachment 1 | The Owner's Invitation for Bid No. Q-01710 dated _____, including any addenda. |
| Attachment 2 | The Contract Plans, Specifications and General Conditions, including any addenda. |
| Attachment 3 | The Contractor's bid dated _____. |

In the event that Attachment 3 contradicts or limits this Agreement or Attachments 1 and 2, this Agreement and Attachments 1 and 2 shall prevail.

Article 1

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER

- 1.1 The Architect/Engineer (hereinafter referred to as the "A/E and as defined in the General Conditions) shall be the Loudoun County Department of Construction and Waste Management, whose address is 209 Gibson Street, Leesburg, VA 20175. Provided, however, that the Owner may, without liability to the Contractor, unilaterally amend this Article from time to time by designating a different person or organization to act as its A/E and so advising the Contractor in writing, at which time the person or organization so designated shall be the A/E for purposes of this Contract.

Article 2

TIME OF COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION

- 2.1 The Contractor shall commence the Work upon the date established in the Notice to Proceed.
- 2.2 Time is of the essence in this Agreement.
- 2.3 The Contractor shall achieve Substantial Completion, as defined in the General Conditions no later than 180 days. This time period shall be designated the Contract Time.
- 2.4 This contract does not contain liquidated damages.

Article 3

CONTRACT SUM

- 3.1 Provided that the Contractor shall strictly and completely perform all of its obligations under the Contract Documents, and subject only to additions and deductions by Modification or as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, the Owner shall pay to the Contractor, in current funds and at the times and in the installments hereinafter specified, the sum of _____ Dollars (\$_____) (herein referred to as the "Contract Sum").

Article 4

PROGRESS PAYMENTS

- 4.1 The Contractor shall provide a Payment Schedule as referred to in section 9.6.3 of the General Conditions.
- 4.2 The Contractor hereby agrees that on or about the first day of the month for every month during the performance of the Work he will deliver to the A/E a Pay Request Application in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of the General Conditions. This date may be changed upon mutual agreement, stated in writing, between the Owner and Contractor. Payment under this Contract shall be made as provided in the General Conditions.

Article 5

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 The Contractor shall submit the Performance Bond, Labor and Material Payment Bond, Guarantee Bond (as described in section 9.8.5.2 of the General Conditions) and Certification of Insurance as required by the Contract Documents.
- 5.2 To the extent required by the Commonwealth of Virginia (see e.g. 54.1-1100 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia) or the County of Loudoun, the Contractor shall be duly licensed to perform the services required to be delivered pursuant to this Contract.
- 5.3 A Contractor organized as a stock or nonstock corporation, limited liability company, business trust, or limited partnership or registered as a registered limited liability partnership shall be authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth as a domestic or foreign business entity if so required by Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia or as otherwise required by law. Any business entity described herein that enters into a Contract with the County pursuant to the Virginia Public Procurement Act 2.2-4300 *et seq.* shall not allow its existence to lapse or its certificate of authority or registration to transact business in the Commonwealth, if so required under Title 13.1 or Title 50 of the Code of Virginia, to be revoked or cancelled at any time during the term of the Contract. The County may void any Contract with a business entity if the business entity fails to remain in compliance with the provisions of this section.

Article 6

IMMIGRATION REFORM AND CONTROL ACT OF 1986

- 6.1 By entering this Contract, the Contractor certifies that it does not and will not during the performance of this Contract violate the provisions of the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, which prohibits employment of illegal aliens.

Article 7

ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND SEVERABILITY

- 7.1 This Contract represents the entire and integrated agreement between the parties hereto and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. The Contract may be amended or changed only by a Modification. Nothing contained in the Contract Documents shall create any Contractual relationship between the Owner, or any agent,

consultant, or independent Contractor employed by the Owner and any subcontractor, sub-subcontractor, supplier or vendor of the Contractor, but the Owner shall be entitled to performance of all obligations intended for his benefit, and to enforcement thereof.

- 7.2 In the event that any provision of this Contract shall be adjudged or decreed to be invalid, such ruling shall not invalidate the entire agreement but shall pertain only to the provision in question and the remaining provisions shall continue to be valid, binding, and in full force and effect.

Article 8

APPLICABLE LAWS/FORM

- 8.1 This Contract shall be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Any judicial action shall be filed in the Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Loudoun. Contractor expressly waives any objection to venue or jurisdiction of the Loudoun County Circuit Court, Loudoun County, Virginia. Contractor expressly consents to waiver of service of process in an action pending in the Loudoun County Circuit Court pursuant to Virginia Code Section 8.01-286.1.

Article 9

COUNTERPARTS

- 9.1 This Contract and any amendments or renewals hereto may be executed in a number of counterparts, and each counterpart signature, when taken with the other counterpart signatures, is treated as if executed upon one original of this Contract or any amendment or renewal. A signature by any party to this Contract provided by facsimile or electronic mail is binding upon that party as if it were the original.

Witness the following signatures:

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Division of Procurement
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Leesburg, VA 20175
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CONTRACTOR

Phone:
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By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Tamara F. Dunlap
Assistant County Attorney

ESCROW AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this ____ day of _____, 2012, among the **COUNTY OF LOUDOUN, VIRGINIA** ("County") and _____ ("Contractor") and _____ a trust company, bank, or savings and loan institution with its principal office located in Virginia ("hereinafter referred to collectively as "Bank"); and

("Surety"), provides:

I.

The County and the Contractor have entered into a Contract with respect to Project Name _____ Project No. _____ ("Contract"). This Agreement is pursuant to, but in no way amends or modifies, the Contract. Payments made hereunder or the release of funds from escrow shall not be deemed approval or acceptance of performance of the Contractor.

II.

In order to assure full and satisfactory performance by the Contractor of its obligations under the Contract, the County Treasurer is required thereby to retain certain amounts otherwise due the Contractor. The Contractor has, with the approval of the County, elected to have these retained amounts held in escrow by the Bank. This agreement sets forth the terms of the escrow. The Bank shall not be deemed a party to, bound by, or required to inquire into the terms of the Contract or any other instrument or agreement between the County and the Contractor.

III.

The County shall from time to time pursuant to the Contract pay to the Bank amounts retained by it under the Contract. Except as to amounts actually withdrawn from escrow by the County, the Contractor shall look solely to the Bank for the payment of funds retained under the Contract and paid by the County to the Bank.

The risk of loss by the diminution of the principal of any funds invested under the terms of the Contract shall be solely upon the Contractor.

Funds and securities held by the Bank pursuant to this escrow agreement shall not be subject to levy, garnishment, attachment, lien, or other process whatsoever. Contractor agrees not to assign, pledge, discount, sell or otherwise transfer or dispose of its interest in the escrow account or any part thereof, except to the Surety.

IV.

Upon receipt of checks or warrants drawn by the County Treasurer and made payable to it as escrow agent, the Bank shall promptly notify the Contractor, negotiate the same deposit or invest and reinvest the proceeds in approved securities in accordance with the written instructions of the Contractor. In no event shall the Bank invest the escrowed funds in any security not approved.

V.

The following securities, and none other, are approved securities for all purposes of this Agreement:

- (1) United States Treasury Bonds, United States Treasury Notes, United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness or United States Treasury Bills.
- (2) Bonds, notes and other evidence of indebtedness unconditionally guaranteed as to the payment of principal and interest by the United States,
- (3) Bonds or notes of the County of Loudoun,
- (4) Bonds of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia, if such bonds carried, at the time of purchase by the Bank or deposit by the Contractor, a Standard and Poor's or Moody's Investors Service rating of at least "A," and
- (5) Certificates of deposit issued by commercial Banks located within the Commonwealth of Virginia, including, but not limited to, those insured by the Bank and its affiliates,
- (6) Any bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness listed in Sections (1) through (3) may be purchased pursuant to a repurchase agreement with a bank, within or without the Commonwealth of Virginia having a combined capital, surplus and undivided profit of not less than \$25,000,000, provided the obligation of the Bank to repurchase is within the time limitations established for investments as set forth herein. The repurchase agreement shall be considered a purchase of such securities even if title, and/or possession of such securities is not transferred to the Escrow Agent, so long as the repurchase obligation of the Bank is collateralized by the securities themselves, and the securities have on the date of the repurchase agreement a fair market value equal to at least 100% of the amount of the repurchase obligation of the Bank, and the securities are held by a third party, and segregated from other securities owned by the Bank.

No security is approved hereunder which matures more than five (5) years after the date of its purchase by the Bank or deposit by the Contractor.

VI.

The Contractor may from time to time withdraw the whole or any portion of the escrowed funds by depositing with the Bank approved securities in an amount equal to, or in excess of, the amount so withdrawn. Any securities so deposited or withdrawn shall be valued at such time of deposit or withdrawal at the lower of par or market value, the latter as determined by the Bank. Any securities so deposited shall thereupon become a part of the escrowed fund.

Upon receipt of a direction signed by the Loudoun County Purchasing Agent, the Bank shall pay the principal of the fund, or any specified amount thereof, to the Treasurer of Loudoun County for deposit to the appropriate fund and account within the County's approved accounting structure. Such payment shall be made in cash as soon as is practicable after receipt of the direction.

Upon receipt of a direction signed by the Loudoun County Purchasing Agent, the Bank shall pay and deliver the principal of the fund, or any specified amount thereof, to the Contractor, in cash or in kind, as may be specified by the Contractor. Such payment and delivery shall be made as soon as is practicable after receipt of the direction.

VII.

For its services hereunder, the Bank shall be entitled to a reasonable fee in accordance with its published schedule of fees or as may be agreed upon by the Bank and the Contractor. Such fee and any other costs of administration of this Agreement shall be paid from the income earned upon the escrowed fund and, if such income is not sufficient to pay the same, by the Contractor.

VIII.

The net income earned and received upon the principal of the escrowed fund shall be paid over to the Contractor in quarterly or more frequent installments. Until so paid or applied to pay the Bank's fee or any other costs of administration, such income shall be deemed a part of the principal of the fund.

IX.

The Surety undertakes no obligation hereby but joins in this Agreement for the sole purpose of acknowledging that its obligations as surety for the Contractor's performance of the Contract are not affected hereby.

WITNESS the following signatures, all as of the day and year first above written.

COUNTY OF LOUDOUN, VIRGINIA

CONTRACTOR

Director, Department of Management
& Financial Services

Officer, Partner or Owner

Bank

SURETY

Title

Title

Address

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